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Mr. Michael Blumenthal, Rubber Manufacturers Association

Mr. Ed Boisson, R.W. Beck

Mr. John Cupps, San Luis Obispo Integrated Waste Management Authority

 ${\tt Ms.}$ Tracy Harper, Recycling Coordinator, Nevada County Unincorporated

Ms. Dana McIntosh, Environmental Services Coordinator, City of San Clemente

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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good morning, and welcome
- 3 to the California Integrated Waste Management Board
- 4 Sustainability and Market Development Committee.
- 5 As a courtesy, please put your cell phones in the
- 6 silent mode while you are in our meeting today.
- 7 Deb, would you call the roll, please?
- 8 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Brown?
- 9 Chesbro?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Here.
- 11 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Here.
- Margo is not going to be here this morning.
- 14 Are all of us up to date on ex partes?
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good. Okay. Good. It's
- 17 just us.
- 18 Speaker request slips in the back of the room.
- 19 Fill it out and get it to Deb if you wish to speak today.
- Is there anyone that wishes to address the
- 21 Committee today?
- Good morning, Michael.
- MR. BLUMENTHAL: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
- 24 Board members. My name is Michael Blumenthal. I'm with
- 25 the Rubber Manufacturers' Association.

- 1 I come today to bring a follow-up on something we
- 2 talked about last month when I was here. It has to do
- 3 with the US/Mexico border issue and discussions in Mexico
- 4 with the Mexican Legislature.
- 5 Last month, I was in Mexico City. I did talk to
- 6 all three major parties about the tire issues or the lack
- 7 of any comprehensive program in Mexico. The following
- 8 week, there was a meeting of the Environment Committee of
- 9 the Mexican Legislature. This issue was on the table. It
- 10 was discussed. They recognize they don't have any
- 11 comprehensive plans. They don't have anything on tires
- 12 and that they will probably form a task force, and that
- 13 they will be looking into this on a nation-wide basis.
- 14 I'm working with some of the Mexican interested
- 15 parties down there, and they will continue talking with
- 16 the Mexican government. And on an as-needed basis, I'll
- 17 go down there and let them know what can be done.
- 18 Basically, I gave the same presentation I've been
- 19 giving for the last five years. At least now they are
- 20 more aware of what the situation is along the border. And
- 21 most of them have never seen the piles of tires that were
- 22 out there. So that is positive and that is moving
- 23 forward. So that's one of the things I want to talk
- 24 about.
- 25 Second item is we had talked about doing a

- 1 technical workshop in this state to discuss the
- 2 development of markets for scrap tires and infrastructure
- 3 for scrap tires along the California/Mexico border. This
- 4 would be in conjunction with the U.S. EPA. We're working
- 5 with EPA on this.
- I'm pleased to say we have found a host agency.
- 7 We have a venue for this. We are working with the
- 8 University of California at San Diego, Dr. Paul Gansta.
- 9 We have a date, which is going to be September 6th. And
- 10 we have a venue. We already have a draft agenda. We have
- 11 a draft budget. We have a list of about 25 different
- 12 organizations that we will be contacting to bring them to
- 13 this meeting. We will also be making the contacts in
- 14 Mexico with the Mexican government, as we said we would.
- 15 They have interest and may send some people up there.
- I want to find out the most appropriate way to
- 17 let this Board know, because, A, you do have a budget item
- 18 for these types of activities. This is a very good
- 19 opportunity for the Waste Board to be involved in this
- 20 type of activity. We want to bring in their expertise.
- 21 We are going to be discussing several of the Board
- 22 projects.
- None of your staff people know about this. This
- 24 is breaking news. But I do have draft agendas. I have a
- 25 draft budget. I'd like to find out and get a feedback

- 1 what would be the most appropriate protocol to send a
- 2 letter to whom on behalf of whom by whom.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I think that would be
- 4 Mark; correct?
- 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: That's correct.
- 6 MR. BLUMENTHAL: Mark Leary.
- 7 And chances are, I will write it. I or the EPA
- 8 will send it. We probably will ask for some contribution
- 9 as well as a carte blanche on your involvement.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: How about breaking news,
- 11 Michael. This is fun.
- 12 MR. BLUMENTHAL: This is what we're here for.
- 13 And I got up early this morning to make sure I had this
- 14 here.
- 15 So this is going to move ahead and is consistent
- 16 with what the Board has been talking about. And I think
- 17 it meets a lot of your ends as well. Looking forward to
- 18 working together.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: One question. When you
- 20 visited with the central government, was somebody from the
- 21 border states involved in those discussions?
- MR. BLUMENTHAL: No. The people who we met with
- 23 were more from the interior. That's not to say -- but one
- 24 of the things that we will be doing is we're working with
- 25 the Border Legislative Commission on which Senator Denise

- 1 Ducheny sits. She knows the folks in Baja, California,
- 2 north and south. She knows the state elected officials
- 3 there. Through her, I think we can get better contact.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I'm very interested in
- 5 this. Would you mind keeping the Board abreast of what's
- 6 going on and send me a memo on it?
- 7 MR. BLUMENTHAL: As soon as I get information,
- 8 I'll send it forward. Thank you very much.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Mr. Chairman, going
- 10 back to -- no, this doesn't have to do with your comment.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Never mind, Michael.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Going back to ex parte
- 13 reporting, I just wanted to report that tangentially
- 14 related to one of the agenda items today I had a
- 15 conversation with Roy Hanson, Progressive Bag Alliance,
- 16 yesterday afternoon with regards to plastic bags and
- 17 compostable bags and also getting beyond 50 percent.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Okay. Thank you.
- 19 Okay. Howard, you're up.
- 20 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Thank
- 21 you, Mr. Chairman.
- 22 Howard Levenson with the Sustainability Program.
- 23 I'd like to give you an update on a couple of items.
- 24 Before I do that, I want to respond that we have
- 25 been talking with Michael about this particular

- 1 conference. The breaking news obviously was the date and
- 2 more details. But we are talking internally and also
- 3 coordinating between our two major programs on border
- 4 activities. So we'll be working on that and keep you
- 5 informed.
- 6 Couple updates. One is related to climate
- 7 change. Wanted to let you know that the Institute for
- 8 Local Government, which is a nonprofit research arm of the
- 9 League of Cities, and CSAC started a new climate action
- 10 network to bring together local leaders to share
- 11 information, best practices, and case studies, and also to
- 12 develop a recognition and certification program for local
- 13 jurisdiction efforts related to greenhouse gas reduction
- 14 emissions. This would be similar to the kind of the U.S.
- 15 Green Building Council LEED certification program where
- 16 they're actually looking at what the jurisdictions are
- 17 doing and giving them certifications and awards.
- 18 There is a kick-off meeting on this next week I
- 19 believe, and there are plans to present preliminary
- 20 results of this effort at the League of City's conference
- 21 in the fall. So we have staff from Sustainability Program
- 22 involved. This fits in nicely with our strategic
- 23 directives and all of our work on climate change and green
- 24 building. So we'll keep you up to date on that effort.
- 25 Secondly, I wanted to let you know staff attended

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1 the July 5th kick-off meeting of the Building Standards

- 2 Commission Green Building Focus Group. The Building
- 3 Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and
- 4 Community Development are co-sponsoring an effort to
- 5 develop a new section of the State Building Code as part
- 6 of their annual cycle that starts later this fall. They
- 7 are going to be drafting some green building standards
- 8 that will be available for public comment probably in
- 9 August, late July/early August. And then they intend to
- 10 have a focus group that works on those and refines them
- 11 further.
- 12 They'll also be convening a Green Building
- 13 Advisory Committee to work on the standards when they're
- 14 formally submitted in September. So we are seeking
- 15 membership on that Committee. We have attended some early
- 16 discussions and are hopeful to have our input as one of
- 17 the environmental agencies that would be affected by that
- 18 and would like to see some more of that incorporated.
- 19 So that's just starting. It's going to be a
- 20 quick process, because they're trying to adopt what's
- 21 feasible this year before the end of this year.
- 22 If they do become adopted, the Green Building
- 23 Codes that are adopted will become part of the overall
- 24 Building Code effective in 2011. It takes a while for it
- 25 to actually take effect. This obviously is part of or

- 1 fits in well with our strategic directive on green
- 2 building and trying to get Green Building Codes into
- 3 applicable regulation.
- 4 Lastly, before we move onto our lengthy agenda, I
- 5 just wanted to let you know -- not news to you but for the
- 6 public really, that upcoming agenda items, the one I want
- 7 to note, is in September -- two I want to note. In
- 8 September, we will have a major item on producer
- 9 responsibility to follow up from some of the work that was
- 10 done yesterday. So that's scheduled for the Strategic
- 11 Policy Development Committee.
- 12 And tentatively in October -- we are not sure of
- 13 the date yet -- but we are beginning to plan an organic
- 14 summit so we can bring stakeholders in and have a very
- 15 interactive day with Board members on where we should be
- 16 focusing our organics efforts. So we'll be getting dates
- 17 on that to you very quickly and then be working on a
- 18 format and agenda for that.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Do you have an invitee
- 20 list for that?
- 21 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: We'll
- 22 be working on that. I'm trying to pin down a date and a
- 23 room so we make sure we have that available. And then
- 24 we'll be working on agenda and invitees. We'll be passing
- 25 that back and forth with you.

- 1 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: That
- 2 would be great, because we might have some input into
- 3 that. Thanks.
- 4 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: That's
- 5 all I have. I'd be happy to answer any questions.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Any questions?
- 7 No. I think we are ready to go.
- 8 Oh, wait. I have to make this announcement,
- 9 Howard.
- 10 Item L on the Committee agenda, presentation on
- 11 Stars to Stripes -- Stripes to Stripes -- Stars to
- 12 Stripes, whatever, plastic bag recycling initiative, Board
- 13 Item 23, has been pulled from this month's agenda. We
- 14 anticipate that the item will be rescheduled in the coming
- 15 months. Too bad. I wanted to hear what they had to say.
- 16 Okay.
- 17 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Okay.
- 18 Let's start with Committee Item B, Board Item 13, which is
- 19 Presentation and Discussion of Covered Electronic Waste
- 20 Recycling Program Update and Net Cost Report Analysis.
- 21 And Jeff Hunts is going to introduce that item.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good morning, Jeff.
- 23 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Good morning, Mr. Chair,
- 24 Committee members.
- 25 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was

- presented as follows.)
- 2 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Good morning, Mr. Chair,
- 3 Committee members. We'll get the PowerPoint up there in
- 4 just a second.
- 5 The purpose of this item is to provide the
- 6 Committee a update on the progress of the implementation
- 7 of the Electronic Waste Recycling Act. And the real meat
- 8 of the item will be an in-depth discussion of the analysis
- 9 of what we call the Net Cost Report, a critical component
- 10 of the program.
- 11 Before we get into the update details, I'd like
- 12 to acknowledge the E-Waste Program was a large part of its
- 13 success and progress thus far through the wisdom and
- 14 guidance of the original team member who isn't here in the
- 15 room with us today but is always in our hearts and minds.
- 16 And want to wish Bob Conheim and his family peace at this
- 17 time. We love Bob.
- 18 --000--
- 19 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Jumping right into the update,
- 20 the Act covers several things: Manufacturer
- 21 responsibility, consumer awareness. The heart and soul
- 22 though of the program is the payment system that's
- 23 intended to fund the recovery and recycling of covered
- 24 electronic waste, certain electronic waste, video display
- 25 devices. In particulate, cathode ray tube televisions and

- 1 monitors, LCD televisions and monitors, laptop computers,
- 2 gas plasma televisions, and effective July 1st of this
- 3 year, personal DVD players.
- 4 --000--
- 5 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: And this funding is provided
- 6 through an advanced recycling fee assessed at the time of
- 7 retail sales to California consumers. The 6, 8, or 10
- 8 dollar fee established by the Act, depending on the screen
- 9 size, that money goes into a fund from which the Board
- 10 makes recovery and recycling payments. Currently, those
- 11 payment rates are set at 20 cents a pound for recovery to
- 12 collectors and 28 cents a pound to recyclers.
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- 14 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: The make up of participants
- 15 within the system, we have about little over 600 approved
- 16 collectors in the system thus far. Well over half are
- 17 California corporations or limited liability corporations,
- 18 individuals, and sole proprietorships. Only about 13
- 19 percent of the participants are local government agencies.
- 20 We have about 10 percent non-California corporations, and
- 21 about 10 percent non-profits or school oriented
- 22 organizations participating. Of those 600 collectors, a
- 23 little over 60 are approved recyclers, who are the
- 24 entities that demanufacture the devices and then submit a
- 25 payment claim to the Board.

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- 2 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Program revenue thus far and
- 3 projected -- and these numbers might be different than
- 4 what you're used to because we had been reporting numbers
- 5 in the past based on our start-up date of January 1st.
- 6 And we are trying to convert over to fiscal year.
- 7 \$41 million came in fiscal year 04-05. That was
- 8 the last two quarters of that year. 78 million in 05-06.
- 9 And we are projecting again 78 for the fiscal year that
- 10 just ended. And with the addition of DVD players, Board
- 11 of Equalization is projecting about \$83 million that will
- 12 come into the program.
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- 14 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: And then that money is used
- 15 primarily to make recovery and recycling payments. At
- 16 program startup, fiscal year 04-05, we had about little
- 17 over \$11 million claimed on which we paid out a little
- 18 over \$10 million. In 05-06, over 45 million was claimed
- 19 and almost \$45 million was paid. And we are projecting
- 20 once all the claims come in for this past fiscal year, we
- 21 will have paid out for -- over \$68 million would have been
- 22 claimed, of which we'll be paying close to all of that.
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- 24 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: That totals up to over 600
- 25 claims having been submitted to the Board, representing

- 1 over \$113 million. Or another way to say that is nearly a
- 2 quarter billion pounds of covered electronic waste. If
- 3 you do quick math, you can see each claim is averaging
- 4 almost \$200,000. The Board has taken on a significant
- 5 financial responsibility in operating this program.
- 6 Program is working closely with Department of Finance and
- 7 other organizations that have experience with operating
- 8 programs of this financial scale. And we are doing our
- 9 best to safeguard the fund.
- 10 --000--
- 11 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: One of the ways we are doing
- 12 that is through the rules that govern the program.
- 13 Permanent regulations went into effect November of last
- 14 year. Those in two key areas were upgraded from the
- 15 emergency regulations that govern the program. Namely,
- 16 enhanced source documentation. The collectors must secure
- 17 on larger transfers of non-residential material. They
- 18 have to get contact names and phone numbers in addition to
- 19 names and addresses of organizations. And then recyclers
- 20 must now ship all of the derived CRT glass to a qualifying
- 21 market prior to making a claim for that material.
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- 23 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: The Waste Board is working
- 24 closely with our sister agency, the Department of Toxic
- 25 Substances Control, DTSC. We have shared regulatory and

- 1 enforcement responsibilities for this program.
- 2 The Waste Board is primarily responsible and has
- 3 authority over the payment system. We take enforcement
- 4 action through denials of claims or through revocation of
- 5 approval within the system.
- 6 DTSC primarily has enforcement authority over the
- 7 handling of hazardous waste and the operation of
- 8 facilities. They do this through facility inspections and
- 9 take enforcement actions for any violations that are
- 10 discovered.
- 11 We have joint enforcement authority and we are
- 12 working together to detect and deter fraud. We recently
- 13 entered into an MOU with DTSC to spell out roles and
- 14 responsibilities on pursuing fraud within the system. And
- 15 we are cooperating on investigations.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Mr. Chair, may I ask a
- 17 question?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Sure.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Can you go back for a
- 20 moment to you were talking about making sure that the CRTs
- 21 are shipped to certified recyclers who are certified to
- 22 recycle the glass. As I've mentioned before, my concern
- 23 is making sure that we are not simply putting in place a
- 24 system that prevents the equipment from being in our
- 25 landfills, but also make sure that we are maximizing the

- 1 actual diversion. And so I just wanted you to describe
- 2 that or explain that.
- 3 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Let me expand on that.
- 4 This program being jointly administered by DTSC
- 5 and the Waste Board, the materials in question are
- 6 considered universal waste. They're a hazardous waste.
- 7 They're regulated as universal waste. There are rules
- 8 that govern how those must be handled and to whom they can
- 9 be transferred. A handler of universal waste may only
- 10 transfer that material to another authorized handler of
- 11 universal waste.
- 12 Recognizing that there are few, if any, actual
- 13 glass markets within the state of California, we recognize
- 14 that all of this glass is eventually leaving the state.
- 15 What the program requires is that after a covered
- 16 electronic waste or device is canceled, demanufactured
- 17 down to a bare tube, the vacuum is released. That bare
- 18 tube or broken glass must go to what we call an end-use
- 19 destination that is authorized to further treat that
- 20 material.
- 21 So in the case of a bare tube, that would mean to
- 22 break the glass. In the case of broken glass, it would be
- 23 to a facility that would wash and sort that glass.
- 24 The theory there is that it is one step towards
- 25 the marketability of that product beneficiating the glass.

- 1 Costs are incurred by the handlers.
- 2 The fact of the matter is the State of California
- 3 does not have jurisdictions beyond its borders. But we've
- 4 attempted to set in place a framework that if not ensures,
- 5 then raises the probability that the material is going
- 6 towards a re-utilization.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Thank you.
- 8 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: And that leads directly --
- 9 thank you, Wesley, into one of the future challenges
- 10 facing this program --
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- 12 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: -- the fact that CRT glass
- 13 markets are increasingly unstable. The glass-to-glass
- 14 option, which has been the preferred re-utilization of
- 15 this material, is waning. CRT as a technology for
- 16 consumer devices is on its way out and being replaced by
- 17 flat panel displays.
- 18 That is leading to changes week to week with
- 19 regard to who is accepting CRT glass for re-manufacture
- 20 into new CRT. All of those furnaces are off-shore
- 21 primarily in the far east. The word is that the one
- 22 western hemisphere CRT furnace in Brazil is shutting down.
- 23 Reportedly temporarily, but we have our doubts.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So is the only current
- 25 use for the CRT glass re-manufacturing it into CRT glass?

- 1 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: The other use that constitutes
- 2 recycling is recognized by the Department of Toxic
- 3 Substances Control is use as a smelter flux in lead
- 4 smelting. And that continues as a market. However, that
- 5 is a more expensive option for our participants. Whereas,
- 6 glass to glass, if you were producing clean product, you
- 7 could actually get paid for it. Feeding broken glass into
- 8 the smelter flux actually costs both the transportation
- 9 and the utilization. Because the smelters don't need to
- 10 use CRT. They need to use a silica sand. And the CRT
- 11 glass is a bonus because it has lead in it.
- 12 The program experienced a significant disruption
- 13 when the one large domestic smelters at Doe Run in
- 14 Missouri shut down in the middle of 2005 and remained
- 15 closed for over a year in terms of accepting new glass.
- 16 Reportedly, that is back open. There is a slight sense
- 17 there will be an ongoing market for that, but it's not
- 18 necessarily a preferred market.
- 19 We need to engage the Department of Toxic
- 20 Substances Control in a conversation about what other
- 21 possible uses are there for CRT glass. We are encouraging
- 22 the industry to engage the department in that
- 23 conversation. At this point though, the two uses that
- 24 constitute recycling are glass-to-glass and smelting.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I understood you to

- 1 say the problem with glass to glass is the rapid change in
- 2 technology, so there's not -- the number of CRTs being
- 3 produced is significantly rapidly --
- 4 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: It's evaporating, yes.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Is there any
- 6 projection of how soon that transition is completed?
- 7 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: We are very interested in
- 8 that. It could be a year from now. It could be two years
- 9 from now. But the date seems to be approaching very
- 10 quickly.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So when we -- and the way
- 12 the markets work, if there's no volume, they're not going
- 13 to stay open. So we are going to be left over some
- 14 residuals. What are we going to do with it?
- 15 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Good question.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: That was a great question.
- 17 I have one other question Jeff, real quick. I
- 18 notice on the claims denied, and there's \$200,000 per
- 19 claim. That adds up pretty quick. And these guys who are
- 20 being denied, can you tell me why?
- 21 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: I should clarify. We
- 22 generally adjust as opposed to deny. We deny a portion of
- 23 payment, and that is usually tied to insufficient source
- 24 documentation. A portion of a claim -- a very small
- 25 portion of a claim --

- 1 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I understand about
- 2 documentation. That's fine, thanks.
- 3 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: The only time we deny a claim
- 4 outright is if it was prematurely submitted without glass
- 5 being shipped, in which case we could send it back. We
- 6 wait. We work with the claimant to make a valid claim.
- 7 Another technological challenge coming up is tied
- 8 to the post-CRT era, which is where are the markets or
- 9 what are the markets derived from the new technologies.
- 10 The LCD panels and the plasma panels themselves are
- 11 considered a hazardous waste. They don't enjoy the
- 12 universal waste designation that CRT glass does that
- 13 creates complications for our participants. It's
- 14 something we need to continue to monitor and look closely
- 15 at.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So what happens to the
- 17 monitors, either type, if there is no market for the
- 18 material? Do they go to a hazardous waste site?
- 19 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: At this point, monitor -- gas
- 20 plasma displays, plasma TVs, what's called the interior
- 21 panel contains leaded glass. It can as well go to a lead
- 22 smelter. But because the hazardous waste, the universal
- 23 waste regulations, it does not enjoy the same
- 24 classification as CRT glass.
- 25 So there is a market for it. It's a more

- 1 expensive market to exploit, simply because of handling
- 2 costs.
- 3 LCD panels themselves are not considered
- 4 hazardous. They're mainly layers of plastic and glass.
- 5 But glued to the back of those panels are fluorescent
- 6 tubes that contain mercury vapor or that must be handled
- 7 very delicately.
- 8 I shouldn't characterize it there is no market,
- 9 but rather the complications associated with
- 10 demanufacturing these products greatly increase the cost
- 11 of bringing those residuals to market.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So you just gave me a
- 13 lot of good information, but didn't answer the question I
- 14 asked you, which is where do these wind up? What if there
- 15 is no recycling home for them? Do they --
- 16 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: At this point, our regulations
- 17 do not allow for specified residuals such as CRT glass or
- 18 plasma glass or the bare panel of an LCD display to be
- 19 disposed of to land or water.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: They have to find
- 21 them.
- 22 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: They have to find a market.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So it's a hypothetical
- 24 question. When there's not a market.
- 25 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Exactly.

- 1 Now, expanding on your question, there are other
- 2 residuals that are derived from the demanufacture of video
- 3 display devices. In particular, some of the older
- 4 devices, the console televisions that contain particle
- 5 board, that contains formaldehyde, the stuff that we don't
- 6 want to see in compost operations. And the one viable
- 7 appropriate end use for that is disposal. It's a small
- 8 percentage.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So are they inventorying
- 10 this stuff or just holding onto it?
- 11 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Sorry?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: If there's no place for
- 13 the plasmas to go, are they just holding onto this stuff?
- 14 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: In some cases. In some cases,
- 15 the panels are shipped to market. The other cases, the
- 16 panels are exported for refurbishment or recycling.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And get ground up
- 18 overseas.
- 19 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Right.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: We have a ways to go on
- 21 this.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I think it's important
- 23 to -- and again, you've already heard me say this at
- 24 previous meetings. But not diminish the importance of not
- 25 having them in the landfills and appropriate collection is

- 1 an important achievement. But it's important for us to
- 2 resist the temptation to just focus on having a successful
- 3 collection system and to make sure it's balanced by
- 4 continuing to ask the question and move forward on trying
- 5 to determine how to best environmentally recycle and/or
- 6 properly dispose of the materials that go into making
- 7 these devices. And that's just got to be the ultimate
- 8 goal, even though the law is really focused on getting
- 9 them out of the landfills and having a paid for collection
- 10 system in place. We need to go beyond that.
- 11 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Absolutely.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Sorry to keep
- 13 interrupting. Go ahead.
- 14 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Okay. The next challenge
- 15 loaming out there is we know the date, and that's February
- 16 17th, 2009. And that is when television viewing in
- 17 America will change from analog over-the-air broadcast to
- 18 digital. And the 20 percent of households that do rely
- 19 currently on over-the-air broadcasting, if they do not
- 20 have a digital receiver in place, their screens will show
- 21 static.
- The FCC will be giving out coupons for converter
- 23 boxes. Who will take advantage of that versus who will
- 24 decide to use that as an excuse to upgrade to a new toy,
- 25 it's hard to say.

- 1 The 80 percent of households that rely on cable
- 2 and satellite will not directly be affected. But we know
- 3 that with the decreasing price of the fancy flat panel
- 4 televisions and monitors that we will only see more CRTs
- 5 being discarded.
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- 7 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Shifting gears a little bit,
- 8 public education. How do we get people to know that there
- 9 is an opportunity to get rid of their old devices?
- 10 Program is working closely with our Office of Public
- 11 Affairs and its contractor, Ogilvy. Through media
- 12 relations, we've garnered more than three million media
- 13 impressions from the major Earth Day e-recycle effort that
- 14 we undertook earlier this year.
- 15 We have partnerships with radio networks such as
- 16 Clear Channel. And Jon Myers is very busy conducting
- 17 radio interviews and television interviews around the
- 18 state. And with Beatriz Sandoval in the Public Affairs
- 19 Office, we have the opportunity to do that in Spanish as
- 20 well.
- Our PSAs, which are posted on e-recycle.org
- 22 website, are continuing to get good air play. Over 55,000
- 23 have aired -- over 55,000 times with a commensurate value
- 24 of \$2.7 million.
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- 1 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: And our retail partnership
- 2 continues working with major retailers of electronic
- 3 products, such as Comp USA. We are engaged in training at
- 4 Comp USA stores to educate their employees so that when
- 5 their employees are asked where is this fee on my receipt,
- 6 they can give the correct answer. Working with Retailers
- 7 Association, recently sent a joint letter from CRA and the
- 8 Waste Board to Retail Association membership encouraging
- 9 them to participate in the education partnership
- 10 interactively working with Costco, Office Max, and other
- 11 stores.
- We have an advisory group that's comprised of
- 13 recyclers, retailers, interested parties, local
- 14 governments to guide us in this outreach effort. And
- 15 we've recently upgraded the erecycle.org website to
- 16 include a GIS component so when a browser to our sight
- 17 selects a particular location near them, it provides a
- 18 map. They can see where that is.
- 19 Just a quick aside. Several bits of e-waste
- 20 legislation have stalled or died this one year. One that
- 21 is marching on is AB 546, which would require retailers to
- 22 provide specific recycling information to consumers of
- 23 covered electronic devices and specifically directs them
- 24 to point consumers to the erecycle.org website. We see
- 25 that as an exciting opportunity.

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- 2 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: With that, I'd like to
- 3 introduce Matt McCarron, technical senior within the
- 4 E-Waste Program. Matt has the pleasure of receiving all
- 5 the net cost reports from our participants and has been
- 6 overseeing the contract for the analysis.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good morning, Matt.
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- 9 MR. MC CARRON: Good morning, Chair Peterson and
- 10 Board members.
- 11 For the net cost information in the agenda item,
- 12 we describe some of the recent history related to the net
- 13 cost report submissions. We've done a lot of work to try
- 14 to make this an effective tool for us to use and use over
- 15 time.
- So the 2006 on time submissions was greatly
- 17 improved over '05. We worked really hard to do a better
- 18 job. The results were we had better compliance, and even
- 19 though we had a 60 percent growth in participants from
- 20 year to year. So we thought that was pretty well done.
- 21 The whole staff really pitched in and did a good job
- 22 calling people over and over again saying, get this in or
- 23 you're going to get revoked.
- 24 So we tried our best to help them work through it
- 25 and get through it. I think we got a better product this

- 1 year. And we'll talk about that in a minute.
- It was very valuable for us. In talking to our
- 3 stakeholders and participants we learned a lot about their
- 4 business practices, their compliance histories, and much
- 5 more engagement one on one.
- 6 This report is a really valuable tool for us to
- 7 work to provide understanding to how we can predict the
- 8 payment rates, what they need to be, what's fair. We also
- 9 needed to manage the fund as we go forward so we have
- 10 enough money available to make sure everybody on both
- 11 sides is compensated properly and we don't run out of
- 12 money at any point in time as we start to look ahead and
- 13 manage the fund itself.
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- MR. MC CARRON: Let me get into the meat and
- 16 potatoes of the analysis report. I want to bring up Ed
- 17 Boisson who is going to talk about the 2005 report. We
- 18 have some preliminary data from the 2006 report, so he's
- 19 going to incorporate that as best he can.
- With that, Ed.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good morning.
- MR. BOISSON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
- 23 Board members. I'm Ed Boisson, R.W. Beck.
- 24 And we teamed up with Humboldt State University
- 25 to undertake a fairly narrow charge. We developed the

- 1 cost reporting system. And as Matt says, we've done an
- 2 analyses of the first two years of the program. And I'm
- 3 going to present the results there. And the results for
- 4 2006 are preliminary. So I just want to put that caveat
- 5 out there.
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- 7 MR. BOISSON: My presentation is three parts.
- 8 I'll give you a little background and move right into the
- 9 results and then discuss a little bit of some of the
- 10 considerations the Board might want to take into account
- 11 when the times comes for changing the payment rate. Just
- 12 to frame it up, we don't have recommendations today. And
- 13 we don't really have a particular framework for that. We
- 14 want to provide you with information.
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- 16 MR. BOISSON: Our team consisted of Humboldt
- 17 State University's Office for Economic and Community
- 18 Development. I want to recognize Dr. Daniel Iharra, who's
- 19 in the room today. He helped us with developing the
- 20 program, the cost reporting system. And then on our team
- 21 on R.W. Beck, Greg Broeking is a certified public
- 22 accountant who also helped us to develop the system. The
- 23 rest of the team has pretty deep experience in recycling
- 24 markets, including e-waste and other materials.
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- 1 MR. BOISSON: Our objectives basically were to
- 2 help the participants to prepare the report that's
- 3 mandated to make it as accurate and consistent as possible
- 4 and to provide as much information as we can to the Board.
- 5 Basically, it's a new self-reporting cost system. And we
- 6 just wanted to make it work as well as it can.
- 7 Started about two years ago. We started off
- 8 pretty methodically. We did a participant survey. We
- 9 looked around for other examples of similar programs.
- 10 Didn't find many. Looked at other attempts to estimate
- 11 electronics recycling costs, and then we dove in. We
- 12 developed the forms and the guide. And in each of the
- 13 last two years, we did a series of webinar trainings. We
- 14 posted a recording of the training on the website, and the
- 15 reports were due and we did the analysis.
- The math was basic.
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- 18 MR. BOISSON: It's the total revenue minus cost.
- 19 That equals the network cost. You divide by the pounds
- 20 handled, and you get a net cost per pound.
- 21 In practice, it can be a little more complicated.
- 22 I'll go into a couple issues in a moment.
- The cost reporting system is pretty simple.
- 24 There's a one-page net cost report which summarizes the
- 25 math formula I just had up there. And the details are in

- 1 two worksheets, one for collectors and one for recyclers.
- 2 And we provided a guide with very detailed line by line
- 3 instructions. This gives you a sense of what the form
- 4 looks like. It's something like a tax return is probably
- 5 a decent analogy. We'd like to think it's simpler, but
- 6 that isn't always true.
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- 8 MR. BOISSON: The basic guidelines -- and these
- 9 are the things that gave folks challenges and we worked
- 10 with people on quite a lot.
- 11 The first thing is the cost and revenue need to
- 12 be reported only for the covered electronic waste.
- 13 Virtually every firm handles other types of materials,
- 14 whether other e-waste or hazardous waste or other
- 15 materials or has a range of business activities.
- 16 Secondly, for dual entities, they needed to
- 17 separate out their collection costs and revenue and their
- 18 recycling costs and revenue. We asked everyone to not
- 19 include the Waste Board revenue, because the whole point
- 20 of the exercise is to determine cost outside of that. And
- 21 the bottom line was just a plea for folks to be as
- 22 reasonable and give it their best shot, and most
- 23 importantly to document how they came up with their
- 24 numbers.
- 25 By far, the biggest challenge was allocating

- 1 costs where businesses have more business activities,
- 2 which is virtually every case. And if you're interested,
- 3 we can talk about how we handle that. There's a fair
- 4 amount of consistency in how we came up with that.
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- 6 MR. BOISSON: Let me move into how we analyze the
- 7 results and what the results were.
- 8 In the first year, last year, before we did
- 9 anything, we took a look at all the reports that came back
- 10 and analyzed them as they were and basically concluded
- 11 that we needed to take a closer look. There was a lot of
- 12 inconsistency. The forms were not always used correctly.
- 13 It was clear that allocation methods were being -- a whole
- 14 range of allocation methods were used. And sometimes they
- 15 really just didn't seem right.
- So we came up with the method of collecting a
- 17 sample of reports to review and confirm and then to do our
- 18 analysis based on that sample. And I want to just mention
- 19 we did not do an audit, a formal audit. What we did is
- 20 reviewed each report. And then via e-mail and phone, we
- 21 worked with each of the companies that had submitted it to
- 22 make sure they were using the report form correctly, that
- 23 they were reporting the right information in the right
- 24 way. But we did not go on site and review their records
- 25 to verify.

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- 2 MR. BOISSON: This is for 2005. This is the
- 3 summary of the sample we selected. And the short story is
- 4 we felt it was a very representative sample. About 29
- 5 percent of collector reports and about -- 11 percent of
- 6 collector reports, 29 reports, 71 percent of the dual
- 7 entities but on a volume basis we handled the reports we
- 8 reviewed represent about two-thirds of all of the volume
- 9 in the system.
- 10 The main errors we saw when we were doing the
- 11 review was wrong forms. Recyclers using the collector
- 12 forms and vice versa. Again reporting on e-waste other
- 13 than the covered monitors that are in the program,
- 14 separating collection and recycling. And then missing
- 15 line item costs will always be a challenge with the
- 16 self-reporting system.
- 17 We feel we did a pretty good job of working with
- 18 the companies to be fairly complete, but we broke costs
- 19 into three categories: Labor, transportation, and other.
- 20 And in that other category, there was some diversity in
- 21 terms of what folks chose to report and what they simply
- 22 could not.
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- 24 MR. BOISSON: Next three or four slides are sort
- 25 of the meat of the results, and I'll slow down a little

- 1 bit for these.
- 2 This slide shows the collection reports we
- 3 reviewed. So each green dot up there represents one
- 4 report and their net cost per pound.
- 5 The blue line is the standard payment that the
- 6 Board makes, 20 cents per pound. And we just ordered the
- 7 reports from lowest to highest just to give you a sense of
- 8 how much they varied. And you can see most of them are
- 9 structured around the average, which I think was about 19
- 10 cents per pound. We'll see it on the next deadline. But
- 11 you can see the outliers.
- 12 And I just want to mention briefly on the low end
- 13 there were a couple collectors that had negative net cost,
- 14 i.e., a net revenue. And the reason was one of those was
- 15 a government program that was still charging \$25 to
- 16 monitor in 2005. And I think there are still a couple of
- 17 those out there.
- 18 And the other negative one and some of the low
- 19 ones tended to be companies that target commercial
- 20 generators and are often providing a range of asset
- 21 management services. And they allocated a portion of
- 22 their revenue to this program.
- On the high end, the short story is that some
- 24 entities out there have very high cost structures. Some
- 25 indicated they were one-time startup issues they were

- 1 dealing with in the first year. Others, we took a close
- 2 look at and they just flat out are expensive, and they're
- 3 out there. In short, we took a close look at it.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Is there anything to
- 5 discourage folks from continuing to charge like that? Why
- 6 wouldn't they?
- 7 MR. BOISSON: I would defer to Jeff or Matt on
- 8 that.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Why wouldn't they if
- 10 they can make a profit on it?
- 11 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: The rules that govern the
- 12 system allow any of the participants to charge a fee if
- 13 the payment they would otherwise receive through the
- 14 system does not cover their cost.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: And of course the more
- 16 you charge, the less incentive there is for people to
- 17 bring to you --
- 18 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Exactly. The market is taking
- 19 care of the vast majority of those instances.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Because you can go
- 21 down the street and deliver it for free.
- MR. BOISSON: Right.
- 23 This particular jurisdiction on the low end of
- 24 the previous slide is a rural municipality. And I'm not
- 25 sure if they've changed yet or not.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I believe I know them.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Mum's the word.
- 3 MR. BOISSON: The thing I would mention about
- 4 that too, it's kind of a general theme of the whole
- 5 analysis is we struggled with what to include and what not
- 6 to include. And in the end, we decided if we reviewed it
- 7 and confirmed it and they were playing by the rules, we
- 8 included it. And you'll see in a minute when we present
- 9 the overall results you can weed out those outliers. You
- 10 can weed out. There's a lot of different ways of looking
- 11 at the results.
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- 13 MR. BOISSON: This is the same graph but for the
- 14 recyclers. And you'll see they range from about 16 cents.
- 15 And there are a couple outliers on the high end which are
- 16 the same reasons I mentioned earlier.
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- 18 MR. BOISSON: For 2005, this chart is the main
- 19 results. We broke the numbers out in a lot of different
- 20 ways. If you take a look at our report, which is on the
- 21 website, you'll see how we handled that.
- I'm not going to walk through all the numbers,
- 23 but I want to highlight a few things.
- 24 First of all, you might want to focus on the net
- 25 cost for recovery and for recycling. And I'll highlight a

- 1 couple things.
- 2 Again, we struggled with how to present the
- 3 results. Because we were looking for the average, but
- 4 there's a least three different ways of measuring the
- 5 averages. And they have subtle differences that could be
- 6 very important in terms of a public policy decision how
- 7 the Board would choose to change the rate if you do.
- 8 The weighted average is the overall program
- 9 average. If you take all of the pounds and all of the
- 10 costs and divide them throughout all of the entities, you
- 11 get the weighted average. So it treats the whole program
- 12 like one big company. It's influenced by the large
- 13 players. The large players have a big influence on it.
- 14 The mean treats everyone as the same. And it's
- 15 influenced by those outliers. So you'll see that because,
- 16 looking at recovery, the weighted average is less than the
- 17 mean. That means the big players have slightly less unit
- 18 cost.
- 19 The median is that point where 50 percent or
- 20 above and 50 percent are below and you can see both on
- 21 recovery the mean and the weighted average are higher than
- 22 the medium which means the outliers and the big players
- 23 were slightly higher. There are a lot of players out
- 24 there that were small that had relatively low cost.
- 25 The forth column might be the one that's most

- 1 important to the Board members. We wanted to include it
- 2 for that reason. That's the percentage of all of the
- 3 entities that we reviewed that had a cost less than your
- 4 payment rate. So basically the standard payment for
- 5 recovery is covering right now about 63 percent of all the
- 6 players. I take it back. That was 2005.
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- 8 MR. BOISSON: Here are our preliminary numbers
- 9 for 2006. I'm not going to go through them all. I'll
- 10 just note in general -- across the board, the cost went
- 11 down. And you can see if you look at that far right
- 12 column about two-thirds of all the players have their
- 13 costs covered at this point. And this just highlights the
- 14 specific difference in the weighted cost for recovery went
- 15 down 3 percent. For recycling, it went down 15 percent.
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- 17 MR. BOISSON: The top level findings, extremely
- 18 variable cost. We may want to discuss that after the
- 19 presentation why that was true.
- The bottom line is not only are some companies
- 21 more efficient than others, but they have different
- 22 businesses. Kind of an apples and oranges kind of thing.
- 23 The current payment rates tend to cover most participants.
- 24 And then the third bullet point up there I hadn't
- 25 mentioned, but I wanted to put it in. The statute and the

- 1 regulations allow the reporting entities to include a
- 2 "reasonable rate of profit." We did not include that in
- 3 the analysis I just walked through. But we did ask them
- 4 on the form what they felt the reasonable rate of profit
- 5 is. And about half of the entities responded for the
- 6 collectors the average was 11.7 cents a pound. And for --
- 7 actually, that was the recyclers. For collectors, 15
- 8 cents a pound.
- 9 Some reported it as a percentage and they range
- 10 from 10 to 20 percent. I think the bottom line is that
- 11 again when it comes time to adjust the rates, the Board
- 12 has the prerogative by statute to consider a rate of
- 13 profit. And you might want more input. The respondents
- 14 were very generous in what they thought was appropriate.
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- MR. BOISSON: Finally, I have three more slides.
- 17 First of all, it goes without saying this
- 18 industry is changing very rapidly. It's growing, still
- 19 maturing. There's a lot of restructuring still to go.
- 20 We've seen mergers, acquisitions, all kinds of
- 21 partnerships. Some innovative business models are
- 22 emerging. In particular, in terms of the terms they're
- 23 offering, as the competition heats up, we are seeing
- 24 processors starting to pass through part of their 28 cents
- 25 per pound to collectors. It's pretty common, actually.

- 1 In '06, about half of the collectors said they got
- 2 something beyond their 20 cents from the processor.
- 3 Generally, two to four cents. But in one case, up to ten
- 4 cents.
- 5 We are also seeing in a couple cases collectors
- 6 passing through a portion of their 20 cents to handlers or
- 7 collectors who may be approved in the system but are not
- 8 claiming those pounds. And in a couple cases, we are
- 9 seeing generators being paid. Sort of the savvy
- 10 generators who know there's value there and they're
- 11 insisting on it.
- 12 The markets have been relatively strong. We
- 13 discussed that earlier. That's not going to last. That
- 14 will be an impact down the road.
- 15 And Jeff talked about the changing technology
- 16 which will definitely change the whole landscape, but they
- 17 haven't yet. In fact, the LCD, plasmas hardly came up at
- 18 all in our discussions.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: In the last slide you
- 20 talked about the markets being relatively strong. That
- 21 seems to be somewhat contradictory to what staff said.
- MR. BOISSON: Let me clarify the glass is the one
- 23 commodity that has a cost in my mind. And there has been
- 24 some instability, but it has been moving.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Are you referring to

- 1 other materials?
- 2 MR. BOISSON: I was referring to both in a way,
- 3 because the glass has been moving. I don't want to
- 4 downplay that. Jeff has a much better handle on that than
- 5 I do. With the other materials, the circuit boards, the
- 6 plastics, et cetera --
- 7 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Metals.
- 8 MR. BOISSON: Yeah, metals. The value has been
- 9 very high. If you go back to the chart I had up there, on
- 10 average the recyclers are getting about 5.2 cents per
- 11 pound overall.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: With the other
- 13 materials -- I'm sorry for my lack of knowledge. That's
- 14 partly me getting educated on all this. The other
- 15 materials, are they domestic markets or are they overseas?
- MR. BOISSON: The initial markets are domestic.
- 17 But I think eventually those metals find their way all
- 18 over.
- 19 Do you want to clarify?
- 20 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: One of the challenges in
- 21 tracking materials is that they pass through many hands
- 22 and are picked off by those who specialize in particular
- 23 components. So it's a global marketplace. There are
- 24 North American smelters for a variety of metals, notably
- 25 more in Canada and Mexico than in the United States. But

- 1 once materials leave the borders of California, tracking
- 2 where they go is very difficult.
- 3 MR. BOISSON: Again, our charge was fairly
- 4 narrow. We were focused on the cost impact to the
- 5 recycling and collectors. But that issue came up
- 6 consistently.
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- 8 MR. BOISSON: This is my second to last slide.
- 9 Just a few of the issues that seem like they would be
- 10 relevant when the time comes to consider whether the rate
- 11 should be changed.
- 12 First one is one that sort of a public policy
- 13 decision on what does average mean. What are you trying
- 14 to do? Do you want to cover half? Do you want to hit the
- 15 average? There are arguments either way.
- Whether or not to include collector revenue,
- 17 since the statute calls for free and convenient, the
- 18 collectors are receiving a variety of revenue sometimes
- 19 from processors, sometimes from their generators. We
- 20 could choose to discount that and not include it in their
- 21 calculation.
- For me, the biggest one is should the
- 23 collector -- if you do decide to adjust the rates, is it
- 24 better to adjust the collector, the recycler, or both?
- 25 This marketplace is sort of owned by the government at

- 1 this point in time. This program is driving it. And it's
- 2 driving it in interesting ways. And it would be in my
- 3 opinion difficult to predict how a change might
- 4 reverberate out in the marketplace. Because you have
- 5 right now processors passing money down the line. That's
- 6 a whole other discussion.
- 7 And the fourth one we listed here is since there
- 8 are different types of entities with completely different
- 9 business models, is it practical to consider a tiered
- 10 payment structure? Jeff hates that idea.
- 11 --00o--
- MR. BOISSON: And then last slide. Last slide,
- 13 again this is this whole approach is a self-reporting
- 14 approach. There are ways to enhance it. They all would
- 15 involve a cost. We could add some on-sight documentation
- 16 or auditing. I think there is some auditing happening
- 17 outside of our effort.
- 18 We could do time and motion on site like the
- 19 Department of Conservation does for the beverage program.
- 20 Actually independent verification of what the costs are.
- 21 You could shift gears and go to deriving
- 22 reasonable costs for different types of programs that sort
- 23 of build from the different data that we have.
- 24 And then these last two bullet points again
- 25 rehash the issues that have come up about changing

- 1 technologies and the need to have a better handle on the
- 2 marketplace.
- 3 And that's it. I'll close and take any
- 4 questions.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Great. Thank you. By the
- 6 way, I'd like to recognize Member Peace who's here. Hi.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Hi.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Any questions or comments?
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Do you break out the
- 10 rural costs versus urban costs given the shipping costs
- 11 from rural communities to get these computers to where
- 12 they can be or this equipment to where it can be recycled?
- MR. BOISSON: We have not broken them out
- 14 separately. We started to look at it, and we got hung up
- 15 on that classic issue of how do you define rural or
- 16 remote.
- We definitely could go back and work on that.
- 18 But one thing I would note, there's one big shift
- 19 that has occurred over the last two years. Two years ago
- 20 the collectors always paid transportation. Now the
- 21 recyclers always pay transportation.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I think you know the
- 23 reason I ask the question. Because not only the economics
- 24 of scale so you have a smaller operation, but also the
- 25 distance from where you can move the stuff to is a much

- 1 greater obstacle the further away from the urban setting
- 2 that you are in most cases.
- 3 MR. BOISSON: Again, we are just starting to
- 4 analyze the '06 data. And I think we'll incorporate that
- 5 analysis.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Would it be worth
- 7 considering or discussing if there was significant
- 8 discrepancies trying to figure out a way to have a system
- 9 that offsets the higher costs due to based on distance?
- 10 MR. BOISSON: Well, I guess I would defer --
- 11 before commenting on that, I would look at what the
- 12 numbers show. Because I think our initial look at it
- 13 indicated, one, the transportation cost is being covered,
- 14 at least now. That could change in the future. So that
- 15 didn't seem to be an issue. And then secondly, that
- 16 especially --
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I thought you said it
- 18 shifted.
- 19 MR. BOISSON: From the collector to the recycler.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I see. I heard the
- 21 opposite. Okay.
- MR. BOISSON: But especially in the first year,
- 23 but even a little bit in '06, I think there was so much
- 24 restructuring and companies and municipalities getting
- 25 used to the programs it seemed like the costs were all

- 1 over the map and it was too early to weed those out.
- If you look in the report, we did look at a few
- 3 factors that influence cost. Volume, the higher volume
- 4 did seem to have lower cost, but not always. I just
- 5 addressed rural to the extent I could. I'll try to do a
- 6 better job of that for the '06 report.
- 7 Residential versus non-residential; the
- 8 residential -- the programs that targeted residential
- 9 generators had a higher cost. That's true in '06 as well.
- 10 The gap has come down.
- 11 Pick-up programs in '05 versus drop off. The
- 12 pick-up programs were a little bit less expensive than
- 13 drop off. It was at first surprising, but if you think
- 14 most of the pick-up programs are commercial, so they have
- 15 higher volumes and they're efficient. That switched in
- 16 '06, and we think that was because of fuel prices going
- 17 up. The pick-up programs had higher transportation.
- 18 And the last one was government versus privately
- 19 run collection programs. And across for board government
- 20 is more expensive.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: This is really interesting
- 22 stuff. This is full-on shake down. This is great. It's
- 23 amazing to watch and listen to. You guys did a yoman's
- 24 job.
- 25 Any other questions or comments? Thank you.

- 1 Jeff? No.
- 2 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: Thank you very much. Board
- 3 Item 13 leads directly into Board Item 14.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And Matt, thank you.
- 5 SUPERVISOR HUNTS: In fact, Matt, were you
- 6 planning to --
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: He's in charge. Okay.
- 8 Go, Matt.
- 9 MR. MC CARRON: This is for the consideration of
- 10 requirement for approved covered electronic waste
- 11 collectors and recyclers to submit the net cost report for
- 12 calendar year 2007.
- 13 Permanent regulations we adopted last year gave
- 14 the Board the option to require the report to be submitted
- 15 in subsequent years. In July of 2008, the Board has the
- 16 option of adjusting the payment rates. Staff feels
- 17 another set of net cost reports will assist us in whatever
- 18 the determination will be.
- 19 Based in part on the information we just had in
- 20 the previous item, staff recommends Option 1, determine
- 21 that the net cost reports shall be required from all
- 22 approved collectors and recyclers in the CEW payment
- 23 system covering operations in 2007 and adopt Resolution
- 24 2007-161.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Questions?

- 1 Is there a motion?
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I was going to make a
- 3 comment. Like I said, it's still such a new program and
- 4 it's such a vast growing program that I agree with staff
- 5 that we do need more than two years of data to identify
- 6 the trends and draw conclusions from them. I totally
- 7 agree.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Thank you, Cheryl.
- 9 Do I hear a motion?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: One more question.
- 11 Did we receive input from the collectors or the recyclers
- 12 on this item?
- MR. MC CARRON: I haven't got any feedback.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I'll move the
- 15 Resolution.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I'll have to second that.
- 17 Deb.
- 18 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Aye.
- 20 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Aye.
- Thank you, all.
- That's on the consent calendar, too. Thank you.
- Okay. Howard.
- 25 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Now we

- 1 are going to switch gears a little and have a couple of
- 2 presentations on some of the programs that are being
- 3 implemented by local jurisdictions that are appearing to
- 4 be highly successful.
- 5 The first one of those is Item 15, Committee Item
- 6 D, which is a presentation on C&D diversion ordinance
- 7 adoption by some of our California jurisdictions. And
- 8 we've got from staff Diana Suarez-Arguelles is going to
- 9 introduce that. And we have a couple of presentations
- 10 that I think you'll find very informative.
- 11 One of our presenters has a flight at 1:00 and
- 12 she's trying to change that. So we'll scramble around
- 13 her.
- 14 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- presented as follows.)
- MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: Good morning, Chairman
- 17 Petersen and Committee members.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good morning.
- 19 MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: My name is Diane
- 20 Suarez-Arguelles with the Local Assistance and Market
- 21 Development Division.
- 22 As you know, helping jurisdictions --
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: You have to talk right
- 24 into this thing. Pretend you're in a broadcast booth.
- MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: As you know, helping

- 1 jurisdictions to divert more construction and demolition
- 2 or C&D material is one of the Board's top priorities. One
- 3 of the methods staff has found to be effective in bringing
- 4 about an increase in diversion is local adoption of C&D
- 5 diversion ordinances.
- 6 Today, we will present you with a brief update on
- 7 progress Board staff has made with encouraging local
- 8 jurisdictions to adopt C&D diversion ordinances. Then
- 9 we'll have two guest speakers from Nevada County
- 10 Unincorporated and the city of San Clemente to discuss
- 11 their own C&D diversion ordinances and related programs.
- 12 --000--
- 13 MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: In our effort to promote
- 14 C&D diversion ordnances, Board staff has been providing
- 15 outreach and technical assistance to local jurisdictions
- 16 in a number of ways. Some of our activities have included
- 17 working in collaboration with Board staff and stakeholders
- 18 to develop a model C&D diversion ordinance as required by
- 19 statute and developing a C&D diversion information web
- 20 page that is linked to the model ordinance. The model
- 21 ordinance and associated web page provide guidance to
- 22 local jurisdictions in developing and implementing an
- 23 ordinance.
- 24 Staff has also held two C&D diversion related
- 25 workshops and has strongly encouraged jurisdictions,

- 1 especially those on time extensions, to adopt a C&D
- 2 diversion ordinance to help achieve and maintain the
- 3 mandated 50 percent diversion goal.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: I have one graph that
- 6 shows the number of ordnances adopted since the Board's
- 7 model became available. Prior to the model ordinance,
- 8 Board staff knew of the existence of about 40 local C&D
- 9 diversion ordnances. Through staff efforts of outreach
- 10 and technical assistance, 138 more jurisdictions have
- 11 adopted an ordinance. Of those that have recently adopted
- 12 an ordinance, about a third were the result of
- 13 jurisdictions on Board-approved time extensions that plan
- 14 to target C&D waste as part of their strategy for reaching
- 15 the 50 percent diversion goal.
- 16 --000--
- 17 MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: I would now like to
- 18 highlight two jurisdictions that have adopted C&D
- 19 diversion ordinances as a result of their time extension
- 20 plans. Our first speaker is Tracy Harper, Recycling
- 21 Coordinator for Nevada County Unincorporated, followed by
- 22 Dana McIntosh, Environmental Services Coordinator for the
- 23 city of San Clemente in Orange County.
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- MS. HARPER: Good morning, Committee members.

- 1 It's a pleasure to be back here talking about a local
- 2 government.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MS. HARPER: So I'm the Recycling Coordinator for
- 5 Nevada County.
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- 7 MS. HARPER: Just to give you a brief background,
- 8 we are a rural jurisdiction. We are in the Sierra Nevada.
- 9 We stretch from just north of Auburn all the way through
- 10 Truckee to the state of Nevada. So we do have some
- 11 seasonal considerations especially to take into account
- 12 with our C&D program.
- 13 Some good things there; all the waste in the
- 14 western county, which is the majority of our population,
- 15 is processed through our transfer stations. So we are
- 16 pretty much in charge of handling all that material.
- 17 We still have voluntary service, meaning we don't
- 18 have mandatory collection in western Nevada County. There
- 19 is mandatory in eastern county. About half of our
- 20 residents in western county self haul their material.
- 21 --000--
- MS. HARPER: Why would we look at a C&D ordinance
- 23 apart from the need to get a good faith effort finding?
- 24 But for us, we really looked at it because we really need
- 25 to get to 50 percent. And we are not going to get there

- 1 without our C&D.
- 2 We found through a 1999 Waste Characterization
- 3 Study that we are very high in comparison with other
- 4 jurisdictions in terms of our C&D that is disposed of. So
- 5 we are roughly 27 percent. This is a snapshot. It wasn't
- 6 a full-on study. But we did take that into consideration.
- 7 --000--
- 8 MS. HARPER: So there was five elements to our
- 9 program: Infrastructure, outreach, an ordinance, reuse,
- 10 and a rate incentive.
- 11 --00o--
- 12 MS. HARPER: Prior to an ordinance, we needed
- 13 some infrastructure. We had no infrastructure in Nevada
- 14 County whatsoever. We had no private businesses, nobody
- 15 out there accepting the material and processing it, or for
- 16 that matter even reusing very much material.
- 17 So in August of 2005, when we were successful in
- 18 getting our second time extension to the ADR, we did
- 19 pledge to this Board that we were going to adopt an
- 20 ordinance. But it would have been disingenuous of us to
- 21 have adopted an ordinance prior to infrastructure.
- 22 So we worked very diligently and opened our C&D
- 23 materials drop-off area at our transfer station in western
- 24 county in July of '06. So less than a year later after
- 25 making that commitment we opened our recycling area.

1 We contract with Norcal, and they load and haul

- 2 that material to Ostrom Road Landfill. At this time, it
- 3 is used as ADC. Not all the materials, but the vast
- 4 majority of the materials are.
- 5 In eastern regional landfill, they established a
- 6 C&D sort line at the material recovery facility, and I
- 7 believe they use most of that for co-generation of ADC as
- 8 well.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MS. HARPER: So what do we accept? Wood waste,
- 11 metal -- metals are not used as ADC -- masonry, cardboard
- 12 is recycled, not part of ADC. And then roofing, gypsum
- 13 board, and the rest of the material.
- 14 --00o--
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Which of those
- 16 materials go to ADC and which ones go to recycling?
- 17 Obviously, cardboard. But gypsum, for example, is the dry
- 18 wall recycled?
- 19 MS. HARPER: That material is not recycled at
- 20 this time. It's all combined together.
- 21 In fact, I had a meeting with Norcal yesterday to
- 22 talk about developing markets for that material. And at
- 23 this time they're just taking the material and using it
- 24 for ADC. I'm not sure what they do with that material
- 25 from some of their other jurisdictions. And we are

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- 1 working with Norcal to identify different options for us.
- 2 --000--
- 3 MS. HARPER: So we have an extensive outreach
- 4 program. Nevada County is smaller. We have 95,000
- 5 residents. We process about 3,000 building permits per
- 6 year. So one of my staff members goes out and visits
- 7 every single construction site at the beginning and talks
- 8 to them about what materials are recyclable. And it's
- 9 beyond that. It's beyond C&D.
- 10 They also talk about generating less material and
- 11 the reuse options that are available to them. We run a
- 12 lot of newspaper ads, radio spots.
- 13 We work extensively with our Contractors'
- 14 Association. They're very supportive of this program. We
- 15 have hand-outs at our transfer station and are working
- 16 jointly with the Contractors' Association and some haulers
- 17 on putting together some workshops.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MS. HARPER: So we adopted our ordinance after we
- 20 got our infrastructure in and running. We adopted our
- 21 ordinance in November of 2006. And we have a fairly low
- 22 threshold, 600 square feet, or \$50,000. And we have what
- 23 I like to term a performance-based ordinance. We don't
- 24 require deposits or bonds. And we don't require a plan of
- 25 the contractors.

- 1 What we require of them is on their actual
- 2 application and on their permit, it states they need to
- 3 sign and say they are going to use our recycling area and
- 4 commit to recycling all of their C&D, not half of it, not
- 5 a third of it. They need to recycle all of their C&D.
- 6 And their options are they can self haul it to
- 7 the transfer station. They can haul it to the transfer
- 8 station in Truckee or utilize our franchise hauler, Waste
- 9 Management.
- 10 --00o--
- MS. HARPER: We do have some reuse options. We
- 12 did win a Reuse Assistance Grant from the Waste Board a
- 13 number of years ago. And as a result of that, our local
- 14 Habitat for Community has a Restore now. It's very
- 15 popular.
- We were the first local government to partner
- 17 with the Waste Board and have our own local portal to the
- 18 CALMAX Program. We were honored with a CSAC award for
- 19 that program last year. It's very popular.
- 20 Also very popular are AM radio stations. Swap
- 21 Shop is six days a week for about three to four hours a
- 22 day. And it's very popular. It's also kind of fun to
- 23 listen to.
- 24 And then our local FM station has a flee market,
- 25 not quite as many hours.

1 And then our Contractor Association has what they

- 2 call like a dirt soil swap.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MS. HARPER: But one of the things my staff heard
- 5 when they went out to building sites from contractors was,
- 6 you know, what's in it for them. And knowing that
- 7 contractors are very sensitive to cost, you know, when we
- 8 provided this option for them at the transfer station,
- 9 it's actually not an option. When they pull up, they're
- 10 asked what they have. And the transfer station attendant
- 11 says go to the C&D area. So they have a separate area.
- 12 It's much quicker for them to get in and out.
- 13 They do get assistance in pulling some material out if
- 14 it's contaminated with garbage, general refuse, metal,
- 15 cardboard that isn't used as ADC. The transfer station
- 16 tenant does help them pull that material out.
- 17 But we did hear that they would be obviously
- 18 looking towards a rate reduction. So by increasing our
- 19 solid waste, our MSW, rate by a quarter so the average
- 20 customer their average increase would have been less than
- 21 three cents or something, we were able to lower our C&D
- 22 rate by over \$10 a ton. We wanted it to sound like a lot
- 23 less money. So that's why it's 59.50 for C&D and \$70 for
- 24 solid waste.
- 25 And by doing that, the first month -- I don't

- 1 know if it's a coincidence or not, but the first month
- 2 after we did that, we increased the overall recycling rate
- 3 from 4 to 6 percent.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MS. HARPER: So in less than -- actually just
- 6 about a year, 3500 tons of material has been gathered and
- 7 utilized as ADC that would have been disposal had we not
- 8 had this program.
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- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Proportionately, what
- 11 role does that play in your diversion rate and where you
- 12 are and getting you closer to 50 percent?
- MS. HARPER: That's a good question. I was
- 14 looking at some raw numbers. So, for example, our tonnage
- 15 I believe was something like 63,000 tons annually. And if
- 16 we hadn't had this program, our tonnage would have gone up
- 17 by about 2,000 tons for disposal. And instead, it went
- 18 down by about 1500 tons.
- 19 So what does that do for our default adjustment
- 20 or disposal-based adjustment method derived diversion
- 21 rate? I don't know.
- 22 But we are also engaging in a Waste Generation
- 23 Study for '06 and '07. And Waste Board staff agrees that
- 24 the default method does not actually reflect very well the
- 25 program implementation that we have. We've developed an

- 1 extensive program over the last five years that isn't
- 2 reflected in our base year.
- 3 So after we got all of our programs up and
- 4 running and being implemented, we want to do another Waste
- 5 Gen Study and look and see what that does for our
- 6 recycling rate. So it's yet to be determined. But it can
- 7 only help.
- 8 So recently we had a siting rehab going on at our
- 9 Government Center. And we lead by example. And so all of
- 10 this material was gathered up and recycled.
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- MS. HARPER: And this is basically the twelve
- 13 months, twelve proceeding months, and how we did tonnage
- 14 wise. And I think you see we have a cyclical nature of
- 15 construction in Nevada County. We do get a considerable
- 16 amount of rain and snow. So that was not unexpected that
- 17 November through February was going to be very slow.
- 18 And I'm hearing now that actually day to day it's
- 19 really going up even more.
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- 21 MS. HARPER: The other thing that we're doing is
- 22 establishing a concrete recycling area. So, of course,
- 23 when you want to get to 50 percent, you want to look at
- 24 big, heavy things. And the first thing we did when I got
- 25 to Nevada County by popular demand was we started

- 1 recycling all plastics. That was great. And everyone
- 2 felt really good about it, and it cleared up a lot of
- 3 confusion that anything with a chasing arrow on it could
- 4 go in your bin. And it got all recycled. But it did very
- 5 little for us to get to 50 percent.
- 6 So the last thing that we are doing, the last
- 7 component of this program, is to get the concrete
- 8 recycling up and running. And they're actually in
- 9 construction right now at our transfer station for that
- 10 area. And the estimate of the tons of concrete, we
- 11 honestly don't know. We don't have a very good idea.
- 12 Because right now there is no other place for people to
- 13 take their concrete. So we don't know -- that's not going
- 14 anywhere. There's no --
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: You don't have
- 16 concrete numbers?
- MS. HARPER: We don't have concrete numbers.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Do you include asphalt?
- MS. HARPER: Yes.
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- MS. HARPER: What's next for us? We want to
- 22 continue our outreach to increase our C&D diversion rate
- 23 working with our contractors, really highlighting the
- 24 reuse opportunities for people. Open the concrete
- 25 recycling area. We honestly want to look for higher and

- 1 better uses for this material than ADC. And this is
- 2 really our first step in diverting that material.
- Now, all our contractors, they're a lot more
- 4 aware about recycling now and very supportive of it. We
- 5 are hoping to foster that energy and look at doing other
- 6 things for the material.
- 7 For Nevada County, a smaller county, it's a tall
- 8 order for us to develop markets when we don't have local
- 9 businesses. We'd love actually to look into becoming an
- 10 RMDZ so that we can provide some tools and assistance and
- 11 incentives for our local businesses to start using that
- 12 material for a higher and better use than simply shipping
- 13 it an hour away and using it as ADC. And that's it.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So what are prospects
- 15 for some of the materials to be utilized and shipped to
- 16 Sacramento for a higher recycling use as opposed to -- you
- 17 mentioned the prospects for local businesses. But in
- 18 between Nevada County and where this stuff gets used as
- 19 ADC, it seems like there might be some markets or ways,
- 20 for example, that gypsum and wallboard and perhaps the
- 21 concrete might have someone who would utilize it.
- MS. HARPER: Well, the concrete we're excited to
- 23 get. We are going to use that on site. We are going to
- 24 chip it and use it at our closed landfill out there.
- 25 They're all dirt roads. We want to use that as road base

- 1 on our landfill. We foresee being able to use that on
- 2 site for a long time.
- 3 Actually, what happens right now is the materials
- 4 get gathered up and shipped out near Wheatland. It's
- 5 about a 30 to 40 minute drive. It's through Yuba City.
- 6 And right now there are no markets between here and there.
- 7 We are looking to explore in Sacramento. So far, our
- 8 haulers, Norcal and Waste Management, haven't been able to
- 9 provide us any sort of analysis to that end.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I don't know much
- 11 about the wallboard market or the gypsum market, but I
- 12 know there's a number of recycling operations or C&D
- 13 operations where that does get separated out. And there
- 14 are markets for the materials.
- MS. HARPER: Is that being composted?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Yeah. Mostly the market
- 17 is the compost market.
- 18 MS. HARPER: We are working with Waste Management
- 19 right now to push composting. We are a rural
- 20 jurisdiction. We exceed our 10 percent co-generation
- 21 every year. We are really pushing Waste Management, our
- 22 franchise hauler, to compost all the remaining material.
- 23 And as soon as that really gets going this year, I hope to
- 24 look into having that composter start taking the gypsum
- 25 board. It's not going to be a locally owned business.

- 1 It's going to be shipped somewhere else.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And you have to keep it
- 3 dry and all that stuff.
- 4 Your problem is distance and volume. That's your
- 5 problem. And that's tough.
- 6 You're an hour away from here; right?
- 7 MS. HARPER: That's on a good day.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Depends on which part
- 9 of the county you're talking about.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So where these operations
- 11 are located are more than an hour away.
- MS. HARPER: Hour and a half.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: That's tough on the
- 14 hauling side.
- MS. HARPER: Yeah. And we are not really near a
- 16 rail line. And it is fairly rural for quite some distance
- 17 away from the transfer station.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Have you looked into once
- 19 you get going and your concrete and asphalt is
- 20 inventorying it and bringing in a portable crusher and
- 21 then entering the marketplace? Because then you're
- 22 hauling volume wherever you can go. Because you can
- 23 afford to haul it over an hour when you do that kind of
- 24 stuff.
- MS. HARPER: Actually, our intention is to bring

- 1 in a portable crusher twice a year and utilize that
- 2 material on site.
- 3 I will say we have a little wrinkle with that
- 4 now. Some folks aren't very excited about the prospect of
- 5 having a concrete crusher near their homes at a closed
- 6 landfill.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I put one right in the
- 8 middle of the city of Santa Monica, and nobody even knew
- 9 it was there.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: You are talking --
- 11 didn't you say periodically, not something that would be
- 12 operational all the time?
- 13 MS. HARPER: Right. It would just be a couple
- 14 times a year they would come in for maybe two or three
- 15 days. We think we just have some communication we need to
- 16 explore with the neighbors and really listen to them and
- 17 give them some assurances.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: The only thing is the
- 19 dust.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Seems like the
- 21 positive thing here is the industry participation. You've
- 22 been able through the ordinance and through building the
- 23 relationships to get the construction and demolition folks
- 24 who are involved in that to actively participate and
- 25 separate the stuff out and not take it to landfills.

- 1 MS. HARPER: Yeah. I've been very surprised and
- 2 very pleased that the compliance is really high,
- 3 especially for our self haulers. We are working really
- 4 well with Waste Management to really get the drop-box
- 5 program going much better. This has had a couple of
- 6 hickups along the way. But we're working in partnership
- 7 with them, to get their customers to recycle, too.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: That's good for you guys.
- 9 MS. HARPER: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Super.
- 11 Any other questions? Bravo. Thank you.
- 12 Hello.
- MS. MC INTOSH: Hi. I'm Dana McIntosh, the City
- 14 of San Clemente's Environmental Services Coordinator.
- 15 I've been in this position for about three years. And
- 16 when I came on board, San Clemente was in a second time
- 17 extension.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I used to surf there.
- 19 --00o--
- 20 MS. MC INTOSH: South Orange County had and has
- 21 no C&D processing facilities. Nobody wants it in their
- 22 backyard. The nearest facility is 30 miles away. San
- 23 Clemente has been the lead agency with the County of
- 24 Orange and our exclusive franchise, CR&R, to find and
- 25 implement a C&D processing facility in the south Orange

- 1 County.
- 2 --000--
- 3 MS. MC INTOSH: For the implementation process,
- 4 San Clemente and CR&R, we've held workshops to promote and
- 5 educate the contractors and homeowners. Because we have a
- 6 lot of building going on in San Clemente right now.
- 7 The San Clemente Council approved the C&D
- 8 ordinance, and it became effective in June 2004. When we
- 9 started telling the contractors and homeowners when they
- 10 were pulling permits they had to recycle 50 percent of
- 11 their construction debris and the nearest facility was 30
- 12 miles away, it was very trying. A lot of threats,
- 13 lawsuits threatened.
- 14 San Clemente and CR&R, our hauler, and the County
- 15 of Orange conducted a demonstration project at the Prima
- 16 Deshecha landfill in San Juan. And we were always looking
- 17 at a place to set up there for a C&D facility.
- 18 We continue to monitor the process. And each
- 19 week, we still come across contractors that come to pull
- 20 permits and say they've never heard of recycling
- 21 construction debris.
- 22 And at first, we found a lot contractors walking
- 23 away from deposits. So then we started to let them know
- 24 if they continue to do that, we will just raise the fee.
- 25 So over the last two years, I found a lot more of

- 1 them getting on board and coming back for the deposits.
- 2 And we have not to raised it yet. Most of them are pretty
- 3 supportive now and actually want to recycle. It's just
- 4 the self hauling is so far away is still their complaint.
- 5 And again, if they walk away from the fees, we do
- 6 let them know we might raise it. So it will only benefit
- 7 them to come back and get the deposit.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: It's really hard. The
- 9 game is changing, and you really got to get with the
- 10 programs. It's tough in that business.
- 11 --00o--
- MS. MC INTOSH: Issues we faced with our
- 13 ordinance were mostly roofers and pool guys. Roofers roll
- 14 and go, all commingled. The materials, most of them were
- 15 not recyclable, especially the built-up roofs, which a lot
- 16 of homes in San Clemente were having.
- 17 Pool contractors claim dirt is always used as
- 18 topper.
- 19 We have Camp Pendleton marine base. They blow up
- 20 dirt all the time. They let them come in and drop.
- 21 There's no trip tickets given. It's come through and out.
- 22 So I've come up with an exemption for built-up roofs and
- 23 dirt. And they have to apply for it.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So they're really blowing
- 25 up the dirt?

- 1 MS. MC INTOSH: Yeah. That's what they say.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: It goes in the sky.
- 3 MS. MC INTOSH: Another problem is illegal
- 4 hauling. We have an exclusive franchise agreement with
- 5 CR&R, so we have a lot of illegal haulers. Some
- 6 contractors claim they're going to self haul. And what
- 7 they do is bring in a demo company that's not doing the
- 8 work. They're simply going to demo and haul it away. We
- 9 don't allow that.
- 10 Contractors have stated to me as long as the
- 11 trash disposal fees are cheaper than recycling, they're
- 12 going to continue to trash, the ones that won't recycle.
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- 14 MS. MC INTOSH: Our first year of C&D
- 15 implementation, we diverted over 50 percent instantly.
- 16 And we are now currently diverting well over 60 percent.
- 17 Some months I even have up in the high 70s.
- 18 And San Clemente and residential commercial rates
- 19 are still in the low 40s. I'll still trying to work.
- 20 What's happening is construction and demolition is getting
- 21 me to 50 percent, because it's balancing being that
- 22 commercial is under.
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- 24 MS. MC INTOSH: One adjustment we did make was in
- 25 adopting an impound ordinance, because of so many illegal

- 1 bins still coming into the city. We adopted an ordinance
- 2 in August 2005 which states no other bins or dumpsters
- 3 will be allowed within San Clemente city limits. The
- 4 first violation we give, it's a one-time warning. We'll
- 5 post it for 48 hours. We call the company, let them know
- 6 of our ordinance. The second time, it's an automatic
- 7 impound. We don't notify them ever again, and they have
- 8 to pay a fee to get it back.
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- 10 MS. MC INTOSH: San Clemente's hauler, CR&R, is
- 11 going to be opening a C&D facility at Prima Deshecha this
- 12 September. And I'm trying to negotiate with them to take
- 13 self haulers, because they have to drive 20 to 30 miles
- 14 away. So I think that's going to happen.
- 15 I'm trying to continue to support CR&R with the
- 16 impound ordinance because a lot of these demo companies
- 17 have found literally where they've rigged their bins so
- 18 that the CR&R trucks can't pull it up. They have this big
- 19 bar welded on there. They pull up trucks on both ends --
- 20 where there is a will, there's a way. So they're trying
- 21 to beat the system.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: They always figure
- 23 something out.
- MS. MC INTOSH: So I'm going to continue to
- 25 support. I have the police on board and have other

1 building inspectors that report all these illegal bins to

- 2 us.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: The recycling still is the
- 4 wild west.
- 5 MS. MC INTOSH: Yes.
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- 7 MS. MC INTOSH: And again, San Clemente's C&D
- 8 ordinance has helped San Clemente. When I first came on,
- 9 our 2003 state report was 26 percent. And not that it's
- 10 Board approved yet, but my 2005 report is 56 percent and
- 11 mostly because of C&D.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good for you. Grand.
- 13 Wow.
- MS. MC INTOSH: Sorry. I'm nervous.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Don't be nervous. It's
- 16 very informal around here.
- 17 Any questions?
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Congratulations and
- 19 great work.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Now I have a question.
- 21 This is off the subject. The bag and bag program, how are
- 22 we doing?
- MS. MC INTOSH: Second in the country for
- 24 recycling.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: How is that going? And

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- 1 what are you guys recovering per month?
- MS. MC INTOSH: San Clemente holds the record.
- 3 My residents love it. And now you can put it in any clean
- 4 bag, put it in your recycling. And it's melted down into
- 5 new pellets.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: We know the process.
- 7 MS. MC INTOSH: And we've collected over 5,000
- 8 pounds, which is a lot of pounds when you figure bags are
- 9 so light and airy. In the first year, San Clemente
- 10 collected over 5,000 pounds of plastic bags. And again
- 11 the residents love it.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Where are they taking it
- 13 to?
- MS. MC INTOSH: They're taking it to CR&R in San
- 15 Juan. And they come and pick it up and they take it back
- 16 east.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So Hilex Poly is picking
- 18 it up?
- 19 MS. MC INTOSH: Yes. They're working on a
- 20 processing center out here.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Yeah. We've heard that.
- 22 Okay. Wonderful.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So in this program you
- 24 put all the plastic bags in another plastic bag and put it
- 25 in the blue container? That makes so much more sense.

- 1 MS. MC INTOSH: It seems to work for us.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Plastic is my favorite
- 3 subject.
- 4 Thank you very much.
- 5 MS. SUAREZ-ARGUELLES: Thank you, Tracey and
- 6 Dana, for your presentations.
- 7 I would like to mention our next steps in C&D
- 8 diversion. The C&D team will be adding Nevada County
- 9 Unincorporated and the City of San Clemente to the C&D
- 10 information web page so that local agencies can reference
- 11 their C&D ordinance.
- 12 We will also continue to work with local
- 13 jurisdictions to promote C&D diversion and ordinance
- 14 adoption.
- 15 That concludes our presentation. Are there any
- 16 questions?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: No. But that was really
- 18 grand. Thank you. That was great information. And all
- 19 these little nitches and crannies are all doing it. I
- 20 love it.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: In our assistance to
- 22 local jurisdictions, for example Nevada County, do we
- 23 provide any assistance in terms of market connections and
- 24 letting a local jurisdiction know about opportunities for
- 25 moving materials?

- 1 SUPERVISOR CARDOZA: Catherine Cardoza with the
- 2 Local Assistance and Market Development Division.
- 3 That's one of the things we are definitely
- 4 looking for with the reorganization to be able to provide
- 5 you even more assistance than we had in the past by
- 6 bringing all the experts together with the Markets folks
- 7 and C&D experts and the Local Assistance.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: In Tracey's case, I
- 9 know she knows enough to figure it out herself. But I can
- 10 imagine there's jurisdictions for whom it would be a
- 11 significant amount of assistance to be able to let them
- 12 know what the opportunities are or provide them with that
- 13 kind of assistance.
- 14 SUPERVISOR CARDOZA: One of the things, we had a
- 15 little team we are hoping to expand on that will -- one of
- 16 the things we want to look at is how do you site a mixed
- 17 C&D waste facility, because that seems to be one of the
- 18 hardest kinds to site.
- 19 So when things settle down here, that's one of
- 20 the things we want to work on. We're surveying other
- 21 facilities to see how they came online so we can help
- 22 spread the word to others that we need such a facility.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And the local franchise
- 24 haulers, are the interrelationships they have or the
- 25 relationship they don't have with other companies, are

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1 they talking to each other? Because a lot of times they

- 2 can help each other out.
- 3 SUPERVISOR CARDOZA: That, I don't know. But I
- 4 do know some cities use a franchise hauler as a way
- 5 instead of using the contractors and requiring contractors
- 6 to do something, they use the franchise hauler and take it
- 7 to a particulate facility. That will be something we look
- 8 at too.
- 9 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Just
- 10 add onto that that not only are we looking at that from an
- 11 individual jurisdictional aspect, but a more regional
- 12 approach as we role this approach out over the next year
- 13 trying to pull together different jurisdictions, different
- 14 haulers, different processors. So get some synergies
- 15 going on solving these kinds of things.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Thank you, all. That was
- 17 very informative.
- 18 We are off to -- what item are we on here?
- 19 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: We are
- 20 on Item 16, which is a similar presentation on a different
- 21 subject. This is a presentation on the e-recycling
- 22 program at Sacramento International Airport, a site we all
- 23 go through. This is something you can look at and see how
- 24 it goes over time. And Yasmin Satter from our staff is
- 25 going to introduce that.

- 1 I will apologize for how this PowerPoint looks on
- 2 the screen. You've got the website. That's as best we
- 3 can do this morning. But the gist of it's there.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good morning.
- 5 MS. SATTER: Good morning, Chair and Committee
- 6 members. And I'm Yasmin Satter with the Office of Local
- 7 Assistance.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: You have to talk into that
- 9 thing closer.
- 10 MS. SATTER: As the aviation gateway to
- 11 Sacramento and a facility used by Board members, Board
- 12 staff, and stakeholders, recycling opportunities at the
- 13 Sacramento County International Airport has been of
- 14 interest to us and the subject of discussion in the past.
- 15 In fact, during the last biennial review process,
- 16 Board members engaged Sacramento jurisdiction
- 17 representatives in detailed questioning about what was
- 18 happening at this facility and what was planned for the
- 19 future.
- In the interest of answering these questions and
- 21 as a continuing effort by staff to inform the Board of
- 22 ongoing and innovative diversion efforts by local
- 23 government, we invited Sacramento County to describe the
- 24 recycling activities at the airport.
- This information will be posted on the web as a

- 1 resource as well for other agencies to be used.
- Now I'm pleased to introduce Ryan Bailey from
- 3 Sacramento County who will give us the details of the past
- 4 practices and more visible and new efforts in the
- 5 terminals and concourse areas of the airport. Mr. Bailey.
- 6 MR. BAILEY: Can you hear me?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: You have to push the
- 8 button.
- 9 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 10 presented as follows.)
- 11 MR. BAILEY: Good morning, Mr. Chair and members
- 12 of the Board.
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- MR. BAILEY: I want to thank you for this
- 15 opportunity to present to you this morning. I'm the
- 16 former Environmental Coordinator for the airport systems,
- 17 so I'm no longer with the airport system. I'm with
- 18 Sacramento County's Business Environmental Resource
- 19 Center.
- 20 But since I was part of the working group that
- 21 helped to develop this program, they asked that I would
- 22 provide you with this presentation today.
- 23 So if you have questions or comments for the
- 24 airport system, I can certainly relay that information.
- 25 This new program is in place. I think this

- 1 request for a presentation came back in March or so when
- 2 we were still in our development phase. But this program
- 3 is in place. If you go to the airport today, you will see
- 4 a recycling program in the terminal and concourse areas.
- 5 I think I can advance this slide.
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- 7 MR. BAILEY: So the first thing we did is to kind
- 8 of take stock of the existing recycling efforts that were
- 9 going on at the airport, because a lot of recycling had
- 10 been going on for a long time.
- 11 Office paper and cardboard in office areas, wood
- 12 and green waste, tree trimmings are chipped and reused on
- 13 site in the landscaping there. They've been doing
- 14 grasscycling for quite some time. They do have a
- 15 recycling program for scrap metal, used motor oil. And
- 16 then one of the newer programs is the universal waste
- 17 batteries, florescent tubes and other items.
- 18 And then beverage containers, the airport system
- 19 had been recycling beverage containers in some areas. And
- 20 then some individual airlines and business tenants at the
- 21 airport had their own individual efforts also. So not one
- 22 cohesive program, but a lot of piecemeal things going on.
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- MR. BAILEY: In 2004, there was a legislative
- 25 action taken, Assembly Bill 2176, to create the

- 1 requirement for large venues, either temporary events or
- 2 permanent facilities that have 2000 or more individuals
- 3 per day, either in people that are working there,
- 4 volunteers. And the airport system has well over a
- 5 million passengers per year. So they do fall into this
- 6 large venue criteria.
- 7 The airport convened a working group that
- 8 involved environmental staff, facilities, maintenance and
- 9 operations folks starting in 2005 to try to come up with a
- 10 plan for how to meet this new requirement.
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- MR. BAILEY: Some of the program goals, something
- 13 that is convenient. People are racing to get on
- 14 airplanes. So one of the main goals was that it would be
- 15 convenient and that it would be used. So one of the
- 16 things that was done was to try to find out where are all
- 17 the garbage receptacles and see if we can get recycling
- 18 containers next to those so it's just as easy to recycle
- 19 as it is to throw something away.
- 20 And that it's both accessable by the meet and
- 21 greet public, if you're coming to drop somebody off or
- 22 pick somebody up in the public areas or the traveling
- 23 public that goes into secure areas at the airport. We
- 24 have to make sure that we cover both bases there.
- 25 And one of the needs was to really minimize the

- 1 amount of handling or double handling that goes on on
- 2 site. The airport does struggle with having staff just to
- 3 get their work done and having limited areas and having
- 4 some specific limitations with regard to being in an
- 5 airport site. So not a lot of ability to do a lot of
- 6 handling or processing of material on site.
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- 8 MR. BAILEY: So the working group that was
- 9 convened did look at what other airports are doing,
- 10 specifically Portland and Seattle, try to find out what
- 11 some best practices are out there. And then an evaluation
- 12 of products and collection bins. Frankly, in an airport,
- 13 aesthetics are very important. So they wanted to find
- 14 something that was going to meet the needs to provide
- 15 recycling opportunities to the public that would also meet
- 16 the needs for something that meets with the existing
- 17 aesthetics of the airport.
- 18 In March of 2006, the airport did apply for a
- 19 grant from the Department of Conservation, and that did
- 20 kind of delay the implementation a little bit waiting to
- 21 see if we were going to be successful.
- We did not get funding from Department of
- 23 Conservation. So we moved ahead anyway.
- 24 And we did have to renegotiate a contract for
- 25 Waste Management services and recycling now that we were

- 1 going to do something new, and it was significant.
- 2 And in order to get this material to market, it
- 3 comes in town here to the BLT Enterprises site at
- 4 Florin-Perkins and Fruitridge. Just the economies were
- 5 such that we really needed a compact or dedicated for
- 6 recyclables in order to do that. That didn't have that
- 7 there. So just kind of working on a public project to put
- 8 in a compactor was pretty significant for us.
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- 10 MR. BAILEY: So the program that we have now
- 11 that's in place is one recycling container. So beside a
- 12 garbage can, you don't see two or three containers. Some
- 13 airports, like Portland or Seattle, you might have
- 14 beverage containers separate from newspapers or mixed
- 15 paper and passengers having to make some decisions about
- 16 what container to put things in. We thought in an airport
- 17 setting that it's really important to make it convenient
- 18 and really have one mixed recycling container. It's
- 19 similar to what you might find in your residential
- 20 recycling program.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I noticed at the
- 22 airport and also in this photo there's two slots in the
- 23 can. So is there a separation in the can?
- 24 MR. BAILEY: There's no separation. That's kind
- 25 of a subliminal message that whether it's a piece of paper

1 or beverage container, it's made to accommodate those. We

- 2 didn't want one large opening. Because then if you're in
- 3 a hurry, it just looks like a garbage container.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Looks more like a
- 5 recycling container because it has the can and bottle
- 6 entrance and the paper.
- 7 MR. BAILEY: Right. Newspapers, magazines, we
- 8 get quite a bit of that material at the airport.
- 9 White and colored paper, cardboard, glass and
- 10 plastic bottles, aluminum cans, you know, those are
- 11 typically what you see in a residential program. And this
- 12 is what people for the most part are used to recycling at
- 13 home.
- 14 Things that aren't on there are your cracker
- 15 boxes and your shoe box type chip board. So any of those
- 16 items that can all go in that one container. And you'll
- 17 see in the next photo --
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- 19 MR. BAILEY: -- this is what the bins look like
- 20 in the airport. So there is a message there about
- 21 newspaper, magazines, and mixed paper, cans and bottles,
- 22 but they all just go in that one can.
- 23 And no cups. We really need to do a good job of
- 24 keeping contamination out. And cups that are provided by
- 25 various vendors can be of all kinds of materials types.

1 They can be polystyrene. They can be the plastic that you

- 2 see out there, the paper, wax coated. So cups are
- 3 something that is not in. But the lyon's share of what we
- 4 get are going to be cans, bottles, and paper.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I would bet that the
- 6 public seeing that round slot and being in a hurry, you
- 7 probably do get a lot of cups in there.
- 8 MR. BAILEY: I'm sure that will be something to
- 9 work on.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: It's true, because I go to
- 11 the airport there twice a week. And I watch. And might
- 12 make some suggestions. But I'll wait until you're done
- 13 and I'll give you some ideas.
- 14 We've done this before, my recycling company. We
- 15 developed a lot of these programs. And I can help you
- 16 with some of this stuff. Go ahead.
- Great.
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- 19 MR. BAILEY: So the airport is kind of a complex
- 20 facility with a lot of moving parts. So we have some
- 21 people that are in the terminal in concourse areas. We
- 22 also have folks that mainly have an air field presence so
- 23 to speak. So we do have bins inside the facility. And
- 24 this is in a secure air field area. And these dumpsters
- 25 are used by the custodial and janitorial staff to collect

- 1 the recyclables from inside the facility and deposit them
- 2 outside. But they're also very clearly marked and
- 3 accessable for use by others that may not be able to get
- 4 to those bins inside the facility.
- 5 And this is the compactor.
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- 7 MR. BAILEY: Basically the way the material
- 8 flows, they collect it from the containers inside the
- 9 facility, put them in the dumpsters outside. And you'll
- 10 notice if I go back that these bins have wheels on the
- 11 bottom. It's a kind of a baggage cart type system. So
- 12 they put those together in a long train and take them over
- 13 to the compacter.
- 14 And there's an automatic tipper so we don't have
- 15 a lot of worker safety and injury issues. It's all an
- 16 automated system.
- 17 That was some of the feedback we got from our
- 18 internal folks was, hey, we need to make sure we are not
- 19 having a lot of guys bending over and lifting and things.
- 20 So we felt this system was going to satisfy their needs.
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- MR. BAILEY: So inside as I mentioned, we do use
- 23 green bags in the recycling containers. And that's just
- 24 so that we don't have any confusion with our custodial
- 25 staff when they're collecting them.

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- 1 And they do use a common bin in the terminal.
- 2 But airlines and business tenants, any individual firm or
- 3 party that's there, they're free to use those also.
- 4 And the outdoor dumpsters, again we have
- 5 dedicated recycling dumpsters. The're used by the staff
- 6 that are collecting recyclables on a daily basis. And
- 7 that's multiple times per day. And they stay on site and
- 8 go to our compactor. But beyond that, there isn't any
- 9 other processing going on.
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- MR. BAILEY: So the equipment was in place
- 12 February of 2007. It took a little bit of time, of
- 13 course, when you have a public project like installing a
- 14 compacter and things like that, it does take time.
- 15 So we did have an initial break-in period. We
- 16 were able to try it out and see how it was going. And
- 17 then we officially kicked it off on Earth Day in April
- 18 2007. There was a media piece, and we did get some press
- 19 in the Sacramento Bee, which was good.
- So where are we now?
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- 22 MR. BAILEY: Participation is increasing. Of
- 23 course, with any new program, there's always going to be
- 24 kind of an education component that needs to go along with
- 25 that.

- 1 About 13 tons diverted from landfill. That is
- 2 not a number that's up to date. When I developed this
- 3 presentation back in March, that was the number. And that
- 4 was soon after the kick-off. So I'm sure as of today the
- 5 number would be larger.
- 6 And then also along with the compactor service, I
- 7 think that the way it looks now is it will likely have
- 8 biweekly collection of that compactor. That's about the
- 9 level that they'll be at.
- 10 And at present, they have minimal contamination.
- 11 And that is managed and kept low by a couple of things.
- 12 One thing is no cups in the recycling container. And then
- 13 we all know that we used to be able to take our water
- 14 bottles or other drinks into the airport with us when we
- 15 travel. And now before we go through security, I might
- 16 have a full bottle of water and now I dump it.
- 17 So for the bins that are in the area and under
- 18 the control of the FAA that have a lot of liquids, those
- 19 basically at this point are not in the recycling program
- 20 just because of the content of all those containers and
- 21 all the liquid content. But we are capturing a
- 22 significant amount of recyclables even with that component
- 23 not being in the system at present.
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- MR. BAILEY: Next steps, ongoing education, of

- 1 course. Something else that has developed in the last few
- 2 months, and that is our local Sacramento Regional Solid
- 3 Waste Authority has enacted a local business recycling
- 4 ordinance which has some more specific requirements for
- 5 signage and employee training. So we'll be ramping up to
- 6 make sure we meet those new local requirements.
- 7 Expansion of outdoor dumpsters, just having more
- 8 dumpsters in more areas as word gets out and as there's
- 9 increased use.
- 10 Pick-up in tenant and airline areas, depending on
- 11 who the business is and the type of operation they have,
- 12 they might use common bins. So we'll try to get more bins
- 13 in specific areas where people are actually looking to
- 14 dispose of things rather than having to walk out a few
- 15 steps and put them in a common bin.
- 16 And then lastly, you may know that the airport
- 17 system is working towards construction of an entirely new
- 18 Central B Terminal. The old terminal that was built in
- 19 1967, the plans are that will be demolished and there will
- 20 be an entirely new terminal. This is a significant --
- 21 about a billion dollar project for the airport system.
- 22 And the date may vary, but anticipated in 2011.
- 23 So they'll be expanding that program into the new
- 24 Terminal B and making sure that, you know, they're
- 25 thinking about recycling on the front end. I know they

- 1 have been talking about what level of LEED certification
- 2 they might look at for that facility. So that will be
- 3 part of the discussion.
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- 5 MR. BAILEY: That's the end of my presentation.
- 6 I'm happy to take any questions you might have.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Senator.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: First of all, where do
- 9 the bales of mixed recyclables go? Do you have a
- 10 contractor that picks up these bins and takes them to a
- 11 processing facility locally?
- MR. BAILEY: Waste Management services the
- 13 compactor. That material is shipped in town to BLT
- 14 Enterprises at Florin-Perkins and Fruitridge Road. They
- 15 are also the contractor that does all the processing for
- 16 the City of Sacramento and the County unincorporated area
- 17 residential programs. They also take a significant amount
- 18 of business recycling materials.
- 19 So this is just kind of a waste -- not a waste
- 20 stream, but a mixed recycling commingled stream that
- 21 they're familiar with and that they process on an ongoing
- 22 basis for the residential program. So it's kind of them
- 23 piggy-backing on what they already do.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: The other question,
- 25 you already mentioned some of the vendors and airlines

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1 handling their own recycling of some materials. Is one of

- 2 your efforts -- will one of your efforts be to make
- 3 available to any of the vendors or the airlines the system
- 4 you're setting up so to encourage recycling amongst the
- 5 vendors and the airlines?
- 6 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely so. Some airlines or
- 7 airport businesses that have been recycling in the past
- 8 something like beverage containers that is popular, they
- 9 can continue to use their own dedicated recycling bins in
- 10 their program. This is open to them. They can use it.
- 11 It's available. The airport system will be providing more
- 12 bins in specific areas so they don't have to use common --
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: For example, a bar
- 14 service or restaurant service where there might be
- 15 containers, they aren't necessarily the public putting it
- 16 in the recycling container, but rather the staff of that
- 17 business doing the recycling.
- 18 MR. BAILEY: Yes. It will be available to them
- 19 and there will be some outreach to try to help them along
- 20 to get them to use the bins. And that also goes hand in
- 21 hand with the new local business recycling ordinance which
- 22 requires anybody that has four yards of garbage per week,
- 23 anybody that's providing a garbage service, so if it's a
- 24 landlord like the airport system providing garbage
- 25 service, they have to provide a recycling bin.

- 1 Then also there's an education component to make
- 2 sure that employees are trained to use it. So kind of
- 3 trying to go at it from both angles. So that will be part
- 4 of the effort is try to educate firms and businesses at
- 5 the airport that it's not only open to the traveling
- 6 public, but to them as well.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Thanks.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Cheryl.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: This is great,
- 10 everything you're doing. But the most exciting thing for
- 11 me to see was you put a recycling container next to every
- 12 trash bin. This has been one of the things I've pushed
- 13 since I've been here. The more people see that, whether
- 14 it's at an airport, school, park, a mall, a ballpark, you
- 15 know, at their place of work, the more recycling becomes a
- 16 way of life.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Okay. Now I have a
- 18 suggestion.
- 19 It's been my experience that if you can put up
- 20 eye-level signage, not just on the container top -- if you
- 21 watch people walk through and do what they do, they'll
- 22 take the cups and they drop them into the recycling
- 23 container. They don't even look.
- 24 So when you centralize what we call recycling
- 25 stations where you have these stations where the trash

- 1 cans are, if you put an eye-level signage up, preferably
- 2 graphics, because people understand graphics, you will get
- 3 less contamination and more recycling in the proper
- 4 containers and the trash. One for trash, one for
- 5 recycling.
- 6 And I have some graphic stuff in my office of
- 7 things we used to do, if you would like to call my office,
- 8 we could help you with that.
- 9 But it works. Trust me. In 1970, we started
- 10 this in 1973, and I hired a psychologist and a
- 11 psychiatrist to get me to -- I needed help getting people
- 12 to change their behavioral habits. And I needed that
- 13 help. And they were the ones that explained to me, you
- 14 got to make it simple, and it has to be in their face.
- 15 So grand job. This is really good. Good for you
- 16 guys.
- 17 MR. BAILEY: I'll just mention I think one of the
- 18 things that was done when our local solid waste authority
- 19 met with stakeholders about the business recycling
- 20 ordinance, is people wanted sample signage. So now
- 21 Department of Waste Management and Recycling in Sacramento
- 22 County and the County's Environment Management Department
- 23 have just put out their materials and their package for
- 24 businesses that includes sample signage that you can just
- 25 take and use.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: At eye level, and usually
- 2 right behind the container. You have to use some sort of
- 3 a rod or stick it on the wall so they can see what's going
- 4 on. If they see it real quickly, they'll do the right
- 5 thing. Great.
- 6 MR. BAILEY: Great. Thank you very much.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Good job. Thank you. And
- 8 good news. Yeah.
- 9 We are going to take a ten-minute break, and then
- 10 we'll be right back. So ten after, please. Thank you.
- 11 (Thereupon a recess was taken.)
- 12 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON:
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: We are back in. We'd like to get
- 14 started on the presentation, and we'll wait for Member
- 15 Chesbro. But we can start.
- 16 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Item
- 17 17 is an update on progress of developing a nationally
- 18 coordinated leftover paint management system. This has
- 19 been an ongoing activity for several years on the part of
- 20 Board staff in terms of their involvement on a national
- 21 level to develop a paint --
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Howard, I have to do a
- 23 roll call.
- 24 Deb.
- 25 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro?

- 1 Petersen?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Here.
- 3 Member Chesbro will be here shortly. Sorry,
- 4 guys.
- 5 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: As I
- 6 was saying, staff has been involved for a number of years,
- 7 and the Board has supported quite a few activities related
- 8 to the National Dialogue on Paint Stewardship. That
- 9 started a long time before our work on producer
- 10 responsibility, but this feeds right into a series of
- 11 activities that we have going on, including yesterday's
- 12 workshop or yesterday's contractor report on end-of-life
- 13 financing.
- 14 So what we have today is an update on the
- 15 progress towards an MOU for a national paint management
- 16 system. And Glenn Gallagher will provide that
- 17 presentation. And what we are really looking for is some
- 18 discussion from you on what your expectations might be
- 19 regarding the development of an MOU, because it is being
- 20 drafted and there is an expectation we at least take a
- 21 look at it and potentially sign onto it later this year.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Thank you, Howard.
- Glenn, hi.
- 24 (There upon an overhead presentation was
- 25 presented as follows.)

- 1 MR. GALLAGHER: Good afternoon, Committee Chair
- 2 Petersen and Board members.
- 3 I will be presenting the update on the progress
- 4 of developing a nationally coordinated leftover paint
- 5 management system. This system is being developed by the
- 6 National Paint Dialogue, which is a group of national
- 7 stakeholders representing industry, government,
- 8 manufacturers, retailers, and recyclers. The Board has
- 9 participated since the beginning of the Paint Dialogue,
- 10 which started in 2004. So we've been at this for a little
- 11 while.
- 12 The National Paint Dialogue currently represents
- 13 a voluntary approach to introducing extended producer
- 14 responsibility into the current system of managing
- 15 leftover paint, which has up until now been the sole
- 16 responsibility of local government household hazardous
- 17 waste collection programs.
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- 19 MR. GALLAGHER: I'll briefly discuss why leftover
- 20 paint is a concern to local government, provide an
- 21 overview of past and current efforts to promote product
- 22 stewardship for paint, and discuss the next steps we can
- 23 take to further product stewardship for leftover paint.
- 24 --000--
- MR. GALLAGHER: Paint is a concern to local

- 1 government, because its cost to collect and recycle is
- 2 relatively much higher than its portion of the household
- 3 hazardous waste stream. The chart shown shows the actual
- 4 percentage of paint by pounds of the total HHW or
- 5 household hazardous waste collection is actually quite
- 6 modest, about 11 percent of the total collected. However,
- 7 note this most of the two largest waste streams, which are
- 8 e-waste and used oil, are actually collected by private
- 9 businesses.
- 10 --00o--
- 11 MR. GALLAGHER: The second chart shows the same
- 12 information as the previous chart, but now we've removed
- 13 the e-waste and used oil collected by private businesses.
- 14 And this shows just the HHW collected by local government.
- 15 So you can see because a lot of the used oil and
- 16 e-waste is collected by private business, it's not
- 17 impacting as much on the local HHW collection programs.
- 18 And there are the latex paint and oil based paint portion
- 19 grows to 35 percent of all the HHW collected.
- 20 Following along these lines, the third chart --
- 21 --000--
- MR. GALLAGHER: -- further illustrates the impact
- 23 of paint on local HHW programs by removing the two waste
- 24 streams that pay for themselves through advanced recycling
- 25 fees. The third chart is going to show what the local

- 1 government program actually pays for. They collect a lot
- 2 of used oil and e-waste, but it pays for itself because of
- 3 these great advanced recycling fees. And the paint
- 4 portion is now almost half of all the HHW collection cost.
- 5 I guess the remote has a dead battery. Can you
- 6 just go back to the third pie chart? I like that one.
- 7 --000--
- 8 MR. GALLAGHER: This actually is the first time
- 9 that the Board has ever tried to put together the impact
- 10 of paint on the whole HHW picture in this way. This is
- 11 looking at cost. And that's a lot of cost.
- 12 Actually, about four or five years ago, it was
- 13 more than half the cost. But there's some e-waste that
- 14 has really grown since then.
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- MR. GALLAGHER: Next, looking at this bar chart,
- 17 this shows how much leftover paint is being collected by
- 18 local government HHW programs. They're doing a really
- 19 good job. They collected more than two million gallons
- 20 last year. All this costs a lot of money, about \$8 a
- 21 gallon to transport, recycle, and re-process. We are
- 22 talking \$18 million a year impact on our local government
- 23 programs. That's why it's a big deal.
- 24 --000--
- MR. GALLAGHER: How are we doing? About 10

- 1 percent of all the paint that's bought eventually becomes
- 2 leftover for a variety of reasons. Of the available
- 3 amount of leftover paint that could be recycled, 36
- 4 percent is collected and recycled properly each year.
- 5 This is significantly higher than the average rates in
- 6 most states, which is generally less than 15 percent.
- 7 However, there's clearly a lot of room for improvement.
- 8 For any future paint collection goals, we would want to
- 9 start at this base line and see increases each year.
- 10 --00o--
- 11 MR. GALLAGHER: The Waste Board has worked with
- 12 local government on paint collection issues for the past
- 13 17 years, at least.
- 14 In August 2000, a Board Resolution to study the
- 15 issue led to a January 2001 Resolution to advocate an
- 16 advanced recycling fee on paint. Although the fee was
- 17 never implemented, the Board continued its work and in
- 18 2004 joined the National Paint Dialogue with CalEPA
- 19 Secretary Terry Taminen signing the first MOU along with
- 20 60 other signatories around the country. The first MOU
- 21 was to agree to work together to find solutions.
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- MR. GALLAGHER: In the last three years, the
- 24 dialogue group has conducted eleven research projects
- 25 covering all aspects of leftover paint collection and

- 1 recycling to help inform stakeholders to develop a
- 2 nationally coordinated management system.
- 3 The projects were funded by manufacturers,
- 4 recyclers, and many state governments.
- 5 The Board helped fund three of the projects: The
- 6 Recycled Paint Standard, the Paint Collection
- 7 Infrastructure Needs Study, and the Product End-of-Life
- 8 Framework Report, which R3 Consulting presented at
- 9 yesterday's Committee meeting.
- 10 --00o--
- 11 MR. GALLAGHER: In April 2007, the Dialogue
- 12 reached consensus in principle on the path toward a true
- 13 producer responsibility system for leftover paint. This
- 14 is a big deal after three years of work.
- The NPCA, or National Paint and Coatings
- 16 Association, representing the paint manufacturers,
- 17 proposed a new draft MOU that would provide a national
- 18 paint management system.
- 19 The results from the three projects we helped to
- 20 fund were actually very important in coming up with this
- 21 draft MOU. And the basic draft MOU consists of -- before
- 22 I go into the nine key points, I have to point out this is
- 23 still draft. And it's going to require a lot of work to
- 24 make it better. But these are the nine key points.
- 25 --000--

- 1 MR. GALLAGHER: Key elements include an eco fee
- 2 collected at retail. Right now, we are talking between 20
- 3 and 40 cents a gallon.
- 4 An industry-run third-party non-for-profit
- 5 organization to be named or created at a later date which
- 6 will collect and allocate the funding. The TPO is going
- 7 to control the money and disburse it.
- 8 A strong consumer education component on buying
- 9 the right amount of paint and recycling paint properly.
- 10 Industry and government will share the cost and
- 11 responsibility for the system. So there would still be
- 12 some cost covered by local government. We haven't worked
- 13 that out yet.
- 14 Where collection infrastructure is non-existant,
- 15 industry will create new collection opportunities.
- 16 There can be voluntary retail take-back, but no
- 17 mandatory retail take-back will be required. And the
- 18 industry and retailers are very firm on that point.
- 19 --000--
- 20 MR. GALLAGHER: Paints will be managed according
- 21 to the recycling hierarchy.
- 22 Rural collection will have special consideration.
- 23 And consumers will be educated on which paints
- 24 can or cannot be dried and then disposed.
- 25 --000--

- 1 MR. GALLAGHER: Currently, the MOU in principle
- 2 is very favorable for achieving product stewardship.
- 3 However, Board staff and other government participants
- 4 have concerns over the lack of specific details thus far.
- 5 We would like to see specific measureable collection goals
- 6 and performance standards, a clear time line on achieving
- 7 these goals, stakeholder roles clearly defined and
- 8 alternatives to pursue if the goals are not met.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MR. GALLAGHER: The system will be tested and
- 11 demonstrated in the state of Minnesota beginning January
- 12 2008 and tested throughout the calendar year. Then it
- 13 will be revised if necessary and rolled out to California
- 14 and other states in 2009.
- Beginning in 2010, the system will roll out to
- 16 five more states per year until the country's covered.
- 17 Staff believes it is important to continue our work with
- 18 the dialogue until a national solution is achieved.
- 19 However, we are open to pursuing other avenues to achieve
- 20 product stewardship for leftover point if the MOU or
- 21 Dialogue do not result in significant progress in the next
- 22 two years.
- 23 Thank you. Are there any questions?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Wow.
- Wes.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Are there specific --
- 2 I think you said it and I missed it. I'm sorry. I was
- 3 not in the room for part of the presentation. Are there
- 4 specific diversion percentage goals included?
- 5 MR. GALLAGHER: Not at this time. That's a real
- 6 drawback to the MOU is there are no specific collection
- 7 and diversion goals stated. There are supposed to be some
- 8 by January 31st, 2009.
- 9 However, we are going to be asked to sign this or
- 10 not sometime this year in 2007. I don't think it's going
- 11 to be ready to be able to look at until about October,
- 12 November, December this year.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: On the downside of
- 14 specific goals, if we're recycling at a higher percentage,
- 15 we don't want to be forced into something that dilutes the
- 16 progress that we've made because other parts of the
- 17 country or not as far along.
- 18 MR. GALLAGHER: That's a good point. We are
- 19 doing about twice as well as most of the rest of the
- 20 states.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I'm with Wesley on this.
- 22 There has to be a measurable goal. We've got to push
- 23 this.
- Go, Howard.
- 25 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: I

- 1 think that's why we brought this to your attention now in
- 2 terms of an update. There has been a lot of effort going
- 3 on on the national level.
- 4 Our feeling as staff is since we are going to be
- 5 asked to bring this to you for consideration to sign at
- 6 some point, there needs to be measureable goals,
- 7 accountability, performance standards that are going to
- 8 lead to an enhancement of what's happening from our
- 9 baseline in California, as Glenn articulated before.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I totally agree with this.
- 11 Go ahead, Cheryl.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: At this 20 to 40 cents a
- 13 gallon that they're going to collect, is that going to pay
- 14 the cost then of all the household hazardous waste
- 15 collection centers now have to incur for paint? Is that
- 16 going to be enough to cover it?
- 17 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes. Right now, the anticipation
- 18 is that about ten percent of all paint becomes leftover
- 19 for a variety of reasons. Even if you collect all ten
- 20 percent of that, chances are you could pay for all of the
- 21 recycling of it properly with about 32 cents per gallon
- 22 fee. Right now, we are just -- the industry is being a
- 23 little cagey in that they don't want to be pinned down to
- 24 a number. But at 32 cents a gallon advanced recycling fee
- 25 is enough to pay for all the possible leftover paint in

- 1 the country.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: But that's for the
- 3 collection.
- 4 MR. GALLAGHER: It's for the collection and
- 5 transportation and most of the recycling because you can
- 6 actually sell the recycled paint, and the education.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And the education all in
- 8 that 32 cents?
- 9 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Make it 35 and we got a
- 11 deal.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And the industry is
- 13 going to partner with the local government to make sure
- 14 they all get their share of the money, or how is that
- 15 going to work?
- MR. GALLAGHER: Correct. Details have yet to be
- 17 worked out. But exactly. They would disburse the money
- 18 as needed. And obviously it would require a really strong
- 19 partnership between the government and the industry.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Where would the fee be
- 21 charged?
- MR. GALLAGHER: Unfortunately, at the retail
- 23 level. And government folks say no manufacturer level.
- 24 It's going to be a lot easier, less paperwork.
- 25 But this is the industry's voluntary approach,

- 1 and they like the retail collection point. We are trying
- 2 to talk them out of that, the government people.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: But then it says
- 4 industry-run organization, and so they would be
- 5 responsible for allocating the funding.
- 6 MR. GALLAGHER: Third-party organization. A
- 7 third-party organization would be created or named by the
- 8 industry. We are really looking at the product care model
- 9 in British Columbia.
- 10 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: One of
- 11 the issues that we would be looking at in some terms of
- 12 specificity in the MOU is what kind of accountability is
- 13 there to some governmental body or bodies, what kind of
- 14 reporting system. What would happen if certain goals are
- 15 not met and what would be the trigger mechanisms and the
- 16 expectations for subsequent actions.
- 17 So there's a lot of -- Glenn laid out the nine
- 18 principles that have been articulated in the voluntary
- 19 effort, but we have not seen details on any of those
- 20 measures at this point.
- 21 So one of the things that we can do certainly
- 22 depending on whatever direction or discussion we have
- 23 today is take these considerations back to that dialogue
- 24 and indicate that is kind of the concerns or the areas
- 25 that our Board has expressed and continue to update you

- 1 over the next few months so that we don't just bring an
- 2 MOU to you out of the blue and either have to accept it in
- 3 total or reject it. But it's difficult because we are
- 4 only one party in the national voluntary effort. So
- 5 trying to influence it as much as we can.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: But you know, people
- 7 recognize where California is and where we are in the
- 8 recycling world and all the things we've instituted.
- 9 Maybe they'll pay attention to what we are saying because
- 10 we've done it. We've been there.
- I guess I'd like to recognize our Chair Margo
- 12 Brown. Any ex partes?
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: No.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Okay. So we are on paint.
- 15 Lucky us.
- Okay. Any other questions?
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I'd like to reinforce
- 18 the concern that is listed at the bottom on the one slide
- 19 about needing alternatives specified on how to revise and
- 20 improve the system if goals are not met.
- 21 So it seems to me we should seek something fairly
- 22 date-specific in terms of achieving goals and then some
- 23 sort of a triggering in order to give industry, we've all
- 24 seen many times it's the potential for government
- 25 involvement that has most effectively created voluntary

- 1 programs, voluntary progress. So I think emphasizing that
- 2 there is some point at which California would more
- 3 actively step up the pressure for involuntary program, if
- 4 voluntary was not working.
- 5 MR. GALLAGHER: Absolutely. We'll take that to
- 6 the Dialogue.
- 7 Actually, there's a conference call right now we
- 8 are discussing this MOU. We are not, but the other
- 9 stakeholders are. So is this definitely ongoing and very
- 10 active, too.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So tell them right now and
- 12 we can go from there.
- MR. GALLAGHER: Thank you for your feedback.
- 14 This will be very important.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: You know, this is like the
- 16 same thing we do in the plastics world and everything else
- 17 we've been involved in. The same MO.
- 18 Oh, now John Cupps, would you like to speak?
- 19 MR. CUPPS: Yes, please. For the record, my name
- 20 is John Cupps. And I'm a consultant to the San Luis
- 21 Obispo Integrated Waste Management Authority.
- 22 Relative to the Dialogue, there certainly has
- 23 been progress made. But going back to one of the earlier
- 24 slides, this Board did, in fact, back in 2001 adopt a
- 25 Resolution directing its staff to pursue legislation to

- 1 oppose a fee to provide funding for paint collection.
- 2 We are now six years later, and basically what
- 3 you have in front of you is a draft MOU that is pretty
- 4 vague in terms of what it will actually require.
- Now I think that's not to say that progress has
- 6 not been made. And certainly there's real hope that, in
- 7 fact, the industry will step up and take responsibility.
- 8 But I think there is kind of a unique opportunity, and I
- 9 think the timing is key for this Board to consider other
- 10 options -- backup options or fall-back options that
- 11 actually might encourage the industry to finish the job
- 12 they've started.
- 13 And specifically what I would like to suggest for
- 14 your consideration is that you -- at the time you consider
- 15 the MOU, that you also consider directing your staff to
- 16 pursue legislative authorization that would in effect say
- 17 something to the effect that if this Board determines that
- 18 the paint industry has not followed through on the MOU and
- 19 implemented a satisfactory program, that at that point in
- 20 time, once you make that determination, already have the
- 21 statutory authorization in place to impose that retail fee
- 22 by the State and begin implementing the program
- 23 yourselves.
- I think if you put that out there on the table,
- 25 if you put that there and you direct your staff to proceed

- 1 in that manner, that, if anything, will hopefully
- 2 guarantee that they actually follow through. And I think
- 3 the timing of doing that is very key.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Great. Thanks, John.
- 5 Great suggestion. Okay.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I think John's
- 7 suggestion is a good one, especially in light of the fact
- 8 that we heard an end-of-life report yesterday. And the
- 9 two things that they said was for any of these programs to
- 10 really work, they have to be mandatory, because they need
- 11 to have a level playing field, that you need government
- 12 oversight. And I've not seen that -- either of those
- 13 things in the MOU at all.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: So we'll go and try to cut
- 15 a deal. And if it doesn't work, we got our own deal.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I was just going to
- 17 say, I really like Mr. Cupp's idea of tying the two
- 18 together and essentially saying legislation unless the
- 19 industry meets the goals that we've set in the voluntary
- 20 program -- in other words, you have legislation that would
- 21 give them the opportunity, but then trigger the fee if
- 22 they did not fulfill their commitments.
- 23 And from a Legislator's standpoint, that is a
- 24 very reasonable thing to propose since the industry has
- 25 said, look what we are going to do voluntarily. So we

- 1 say, fine, but we'll hold you to it.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I think we can do that
- 3 for ourselves. We can't probably get that as part of the
- 4 MOU, since the MOU is so many multi party.
- 5 But I think that, you know, we are certainly
- 6 taking a lot of the lead on this. We started this
- 7 partnership and have been really moving it forward. And I
- 8 think it's a delicate balance of our stepping away from
- 9 the MOU and not participating because we want to go
- 10 further versus where we can get everybody else to be, is
- 11 my understanding of where we have been in this discussion.
- 12 Is that correct, Howard?
- 13 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: That's
- 14 absolutely correct. What we can do is continue to
- 15 participate in the dialogue. Bring these key messages
- 16 back about some of the expectations we'd like to see.
- 17 Also indicate to you that when we come back at
- 18 some point in time with an MOU that we're being asked to
- 19 sign, that some of the other options in that item for your
- 20 consideration would be sort of a backup legislative
- 21 proposal for staff to pursue through the normal
- 22 administrative channels.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: And also include in the
- 24 dialogue with the other parties of the MOU that California
- 25 has its own interest and that we could potentially be

- 1 suggesting legislative options that go far beyond where
- 2 the MOU is that may or may not sync with the MOU in the
- 3 end. I mean, just so at least they're on notice that this
- 4 MOU may not end up where we want to be as a state.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I think the
- 6 legislative idea has several benefits. One is in the long
- 7 term to hold the industry accountable. But I think in the
- 8 short term it's not in lieu of participating in the MOU
- 9 discussion but it can influence the MOU discussion to know
- 10 that this Board is very serious about this.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Great strategy. Thank
- 12 you, everybody.
- 13 Any other comments or questions?
- 14 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: We'll
- 15 provide you periodic updates as things come up.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Now Item G.
- 17 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Now
- 18 we're into our actual consideration items. Item 18 or
- 19 Item G is Consideration of an RMDZ Loan Program
- 20 Application for FiberWood, LLC.
- 21 Govindan Viswanathan is going to provide that
- 22 presentation.
- 23 MR. VISWANATHAN: Good afternoon, Committee Chair
- 24 and members of the Committee.
- The FiberWood, LLC, agenda item is for a loan of

- 1 424,800.
- 2 The loan purpose is to fund the purchase of
- 3 machinery equipment for manufacturing hydromulch or
- 4 hydroseeding mulch from post-consumer wastepaper.
- 5 Hydromulch is used in landscape and erosion control
- 6 applications.
- 7 FiberWood's 36,533 square foot facility is
- 8 located at the former McClellan Air Force Base within
- 9 Sacramento County RMDZ.
- 10 FiberWood is projecting to divert 20,000 tons of
- 11 wastepaper and hire 40 employees as a result of the loan.
- 12 This RMDZ Loan Committee met on June 10, 2007,
- 13 yesterday, and approved this loan request.
- 14 Staff recommends that the Committee approve
- 15 Option Number 1 and adopt Resolution 2007-159 to approve
- 16 the RMDZ loan to FiberWood, LLC.
- 17 Mr. Stewart Douglas, President and 50 percent
- 18 owner of FiberWood, is here to respond to any questions
- 19 from the Committee.
- 20 Mr. Douglas had previously borrowed 150,000 from
- 21 the RMDZ Loan Program in 1993, and the loan was pre-paid
- 22 in two years. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Great. Any questions?
- 24 Comments?
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: What's the origin of

- 1 feedstock?
- 2 MR. DOUGLAS: First of all, Chairman and members,
- 3 thank you for taking the time to consider this.
- 4 The origin of the feedstock traditionally for
- 5 hydroseed mulch -- I have a sample if you'd like to look.
- 6 Stewart Douglas.
- 7 And also thank you, Govi, for doing great.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And who you're with.
- 9 MR. DOUGLAS: Stewart Douglas with FiberWood. We
- 10 are located at McClellan Park. We have, as you mentioned,
- 11 a 36,000 square foot building there that we've leased from
- 12 the military there. It's been quite an ordeal to clean it
- 13 up. I don't know if you have had an opportunity to tour
- 14 the facility there. Love to have you come over and show
- 15 you the length of work we've had to go to to get it up to
- 16 clean, workable condition. But there we are.
- 17 As far as the feedstock that we used,
- 18 traditionally as you see there in the sample which is the
- 19 green one is newspaper. Ten, fifteen years ago there was
- 20 a plethora of OMP available in northern California.
- 21 Today's market, this has all gone away. It's been gobbled
- 22 up by the Asians. Difficult to get ahold of. Even more
- 23 expensive than it should be. But that's just the way it
- 24 is.
- 25 So we spent a considerable amount of time doing

- 1 our R&D and settled on a local company here which actually
- 2 collects, screens, and separates sheetrock, takes the
- 3 gypsum, sells the gypsum into the ag markets, which is a
- 4 fantastic business for this guy, and then we take from him
- 5 the craft paper.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: We need to introduce
- 7 them to Nevada County.
- 8 MR. DOUGLAS: So it's a favorable condition for
- 9 us.
- 10 Typically, he has to landfill all the craft paper
- 11 after it's been separated. The reason for that is it's
- 12 tainted with calcium sulfate which is the gypsum which is
- 13 the sheetrock all around us.
- 14 Unfortunately, with our product, the hydro seed
- 15 mulch, the gypsum is a desirable soil amendment. So it
- 16 works out for us. It's an unusual situation, but we are
- 17 happy to capitalize on it.
- 18 We are in contract with Al Lopez and another
- 19 partner of his for 50 tons a day for the craft paper. So
- 20 of the two products that we will manufacture, the hydro
- 21 seed mulch, California market is little over 30,000 tons a
- 22 year. We'll be the exclusive manufacturer for paper mulch
- 23 in the state, which gives us a huge advantage as far as
- 24 our competitors which are all based out of state.
- 25 Any other questions on hydro seed mulch?

- 1 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Yes. First of all, this
- 2 is grand. I love this. We are creating markets in
- 3 California. This is grand.
- 4 You have a term you use, generally rated safe.
- 5 What certification? Does that come out of a third-party
- 6 certification? Can you explain that to me?
- 7 MR. DOUGLAS: It's just an FDA term for products
- 8 such as the green dye, assuming that's what you're
- 9 referring to.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Looking at the inks and
- 11 stuff.
- 12 MR. DOUGLAS: It's a term they use to certify it
- 13 is safe. The dye that we use, the food grade dye which is
- 14 used to color paper for egg cartoons and things such as
- 15 that.
- 16 The typical exposure by the public to the inks
- 17 themselves with traditional newspaper are your ledger
- 18 paper, exposure just from handling it and reading it.
- 19 That's why everybody has gone to a soy-based ink for the
- 20 last 15 years. The product that you're seeing there, the
- 21 traditional, has been available and used in California for
- 22 a little over 25 years at this point.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: I think you're doing a
- 24 grand job and is this a great project. That's what I
- 25 think.

- 1 MR. DOUGLAS: The second product we'll be making,
- 2 which we have a patent for, is a blanket version of paper
- 3 insulation typically called cellulouse?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Are you going to put FR in
- 5 this or what?
- 6 MR. DOUGLAS: Yes. Great question.
- 7 A little background there. We spent a
- 8 considerable amount of time talking to builders in
- 9 California, Pulte, Ryland, and asked them of the products
- 10 that they're using currently on their projects, what do
- 11 they like about them, what do they dislike about them. If
- 12 you put a list of the top products they use, the worst
- 13 product they all despise is fiberglass. So we thought,
- 14 marvelous. We are in the paper business. Let's find a
- 15 substitute so these people have something available and an
- 16 alternative.
- 17 So we spent a considerable amount of time and
- 18 money, and there is the result. We can now convert paper
- 19 fibers so it looks identical to fiberglass, except there's
- 20 no glass. The beauty of this is what you're seeing there
- 21 is roughly 90 percent of fiber and 10 percent polyester
- 22 fiber made from the plastic drinking bottles.
- 23 So we have an unusual combination. We feel that
- 24 even though our business specifically is to make money
- 25 selling building products, we by default are becoming one

1 of the largest diverters of this type of fiber in northern

- 2 California.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: And the FR is fire
- 4 retardant. Sorry.
- 5 The other thing is afterlife when we're
- 6 de-constructing buildings, can you take this stuff back?
- 7 MR. DOUGLAS: Sure. We'd love to.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: You got my vote.
- 9 Anyway, any other questions or comments?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I think it's grand.
- 11 MR. DOUGLAS: I hope you felt the product to feel
- 12 the difference.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I felt the product.
- 14 I've been to McClellan. Congratulations. It's really a
- 15 great project.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: If there's no
- 17 questions, I'll move the Resolution approving this loan.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Is there a second?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Second.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Deb.
- 21 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Brown?
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
- 23 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro?
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Aye.
- 25 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen?

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Aye.
- 2 That's going on fiscal consent.
- 3 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Item
- 4 H, Consideration of Scope of Work and Contractor for the
- 5 State Agency Partnership to Support the Use of
- 6 Tire-Derived Products Contractor. And Mitch Delmage will
- 7 present this item.
- 8 TIRE MANAGEMENT BRANCH MANAGER DELMAGE: Good
- 9 afternoon already.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Afternoon, Mitch.
- 11 TIRE MANAGEMENT BRANCH MANAGER DELMAGE: I'm
- 12 Mitch Delmage. I'm with the Local Assistance and Market
- 13 Development Division. Today, I'm presenting Item 1,
- 14 Consideration of Scope of Work and Contractor for the
- 15 State Agency Partnership to Support the Use of
- 16 Tire-Derived Products.
- 17 As you alluded to this morning, Senator, a
- 18 collection system without a market just doesn't work.
- 19 This project is designed to bring these products into
- 20 public view. Staff is requesting consideration of an
- 21 interagency agreement with Orange County Fair and
- 22 Exposition Center for \$400,000 for fiscal year 2007/2008
- 23 funding. Orange County Fair and Exposition Center is host
- 24 to more than three million people who attend events at the
- 25 fairgrounds throughout the year.

1 The fair people are very excited about joining us

- 2 in this venture. And they plan to include tire-derived
- 3 products, the insulation for viewing during their 2008
- 4 event.
- 5 They wanted to apologize not being here to
- 6 represent Orange County Fair, but they're in the process
- 7 of preparing this year's fair, which starts this Friday.
- But way of background, as you're aware, 40
- 9 million scrap tires are generated -- more than 40 million
- 10 each year in California. We are able to divert 75 percent
- 11 each year into good alternative uses including retreading,
- 12 recycling, combustion. But ten million are still
- 13 discarded.
- 14 The objective of this project is to expose the
- 15 general public, businesses, other State and local agencies
- 16 to these tire-derived products. This is just one part of
- 17 a multi-pronged approach to increase the markets for
- 18 tire-derived products demonstrating their efficacy and
- 19 economic viability in various areas.
- The overall goal of the Board's market
- 21 development outreach effort for tire-derived products is
- 22 to firm up existing markets and to help new markets and
- 23 ultimately to establish sustainable markets for these
- 24 products in California and beyond.
- The Board has used this Fair model for the

- 1 last -- two years ago we used Cal Expo. In February, we
- 2 approved a Scope of Work for working with Big Fresno Fair.
- 3 So we've done the north. We will be doing the
- 4 central, and then next year we'll be doing the south in
- 5 this plan.
- 6 As far as the Five-Year Plan goes, this would be
- 7 the last year we would do these fair demonstrations. And
- 8 because they're ongoing each year and the products will be
- 9 there for a while, we figure their use will carry over.
- 10 Any rubber products that are purchased for the
- 11 fair will be made of 100 percent California-generated
- 12 waste tire rubber. Further, at most of the project
- 13 locations, the contractor will place signage indicating
- 14 the Board is a sponsor of the project. And it will be
- 15 used in a variety of programmatic areas throughout the
- 16 fairgrounds and the fair building.
- 17 Possible uses include, but are not limited to,
- 18 rubber mats used for employees and the public throughout
- 19 the grounds, rubber granules for use by kids in the kids'
- 20 play area, rubber mulch material used in the floricultural
- 21 area, rubber sand bags used to enhance cleaner storm water
- 22 runoff, rubber traffic delineators in the parking lot,
- 23 rubber mats in the rest room areas and rubber mats for
- 24 horse and animal stalls.
- 25 So with that, staff recommends that the Board

- 1 approve the report as indicated in Option 1 and adopt
- 2 Resolution -- I don't have the number right here.
- 3 2007-156.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Are there any questions or
- 5 comments?
- 6 Do I hear a motion?
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Move Resolution
- 8 2007-156.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Is there a second?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Second.
- 11 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Brown?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
- 13 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro?
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Aye.
- 15 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Aye.
- 17 Thank you, Mitch.
- 18 Fiscal consent.
- 19 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Next
- 20 on the agenda -- and we'll try to move through these
- 21 quickly since we've had a long Committee meeting -- is
- 22 Consideration of Applicant Eligibility, Project
- 23 Eligibility, and Evaluation Process for the Tire-Derived
- 24 Product Grant Program.
- 25 Michelle Martin will present that. In brief,

- 1 she'll go over some of the major changes.
- 2 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 3 presented as follows.)
- 4 MS. MARTIN: Good afternoon, Chairman Petersen
- 5 and Committee members. I'm Michelle Martin with the
- 6 Financial Assistance Division Grant and Loan Resources
- 7 Branch.
- 8 This presentation is for Committee Item I, Agenda
- 9 Item 20, Consideration of Applicant Eligibility, Project
- 10 Eligibility, and Evaluation Process for Fiscal Year
- 11 2007-2008 Tire-Derived Grant Program.
- 12 Basically, this grant program happens annually,
- 13 and everything is pretty much going to stay the same. We
- 14 have two changes that we would like to make to the agenda
- 15 item. And I'll go over those with you right now.
- 16 --00o--
- 17 MS. MARTIN: The first change is under page 2
- 18 under eligible applicants. We would like to change it
- 19 from federally recognized California Indian tribes to
- 20 qualifying California Indian tribes. Staff would like to
- 21 remain consistent with the previous grant cycles.
- The second change is on page 4 under ineligible
- 23 projects we would like to delete the second bullet
- 24 regarding the cost per tire. It's not as clear here as it
- 25 is in other areas of the agenda item. And deleting the

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- 1 bullet would allow projects that cost over \$5 to be
- 2 eligible. However, we would only reimburse up to \$5. And
- 3 we will also make this very clear in the applicants.
- 4 And that concludes my presentation.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Great. Questions,
- 6 comments?
- 7 I have one. Can we expand this to include the
- 8 schools, including private and non-for-profit schools?
- 9 Because everybody pays for tires, the fees.
- 10 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Mr.
- 11 Peterson, we can. To date, we have not. And we recommend
- 12 keeping this at the eligible for public entities only in
- 13 part because we've been oversubscribed.
- 14 But we can, depending on your direction. If we
- 15 do move towards including private entities, definitely
- 16 expect even more oversubscription. And we have to do some
- 17 work on the criteria in order to make sure we didn't get
- 18 multiple applications from a single company in different
- 19 localities and so on. So it's really your pleasure, but
- 20 we are already oversubscribed.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Any comments on this?
- 22 There's no way to include schools in this; right? I mean,
- 23 we could do that; right? And then we are oversubscribed
- 24 some more; right? But then the criteria, how they
- 25 respond --

- 1 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: We
- 2 already do include school districts. The public schools
- 3 are already eligible.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: No private schools. They
- 5 pay for their tires, too. Everybody pays for their
- 6 deposit on the tires.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: How much work would need
- 8 to be done to the criteria just to add other schools?
- 9 MS. MARTIN: I mean, probably not that much.
- 10 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: I
- 11 think we can do that internally based on your direction.
- 12 And it wouldn't change the timing of anything. Just so
- 13 you understood we will be even further oversubscribed and
- 14 have to have more applications to process and bring to
- 15 you. And we do that on a random -- not random but --
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: The Tire Fund is not
- 17 oversubscribed, this particular subcategory so --
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: We always reallocate.
- 19 And we have in the last two years I've been here and
- 20 probably every year, we've ended up by funding all of the
- 21 applicants with reallocation at the end.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So what's the
- 23 definition of oversubscribed?
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I think the budget last
- 25 year was 1.2 and we ended up --

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- 1 MS. MARTIN: I think last year was 1.8. This
- 2 year we have 2.4. No. Last year was 2.4, and we gave out
- 3 a little over 4.1.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: So we do have the
- 5 authority to reallocate. So oversubscribed isn't
- 6 necessarily a permanent condition if the Board chooses to
- 7 move resources in to cover them.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: We've done a List A and
- 9 List B.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I was along the same
- 11 lines. I was contacted by someone with regards to
- 12 playgrounds that are in housing developments that are
- 13 nonprofit housing corporations. They essentially build
- 14 low-become housing, non profits. Not for profits.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Community housing.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Low-cost housing that
- 17 remains in the ownership of the nonprofit. So there's
- 18 actually a couple categories of nonprofits it seems to me
- 19 you might want to consider adding.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Well, I'd like to pursue
- 21 that.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I concur.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Thank you, Howard.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I think there's always a
- 25 concern with delaying the putting these grant

- 1 eligibilities out on the streets and making our timing.
- 2 But if we could open it up for a broader array of
- 3 organizations that may need it more than a public school
- 4 district like community housing, low-income housing,
- 5 nonprofit schools --
- 6 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: We'll
- 7 go forth with that direction and won't change the timing
- 8 fortunately. And we'll report back to you when we get the
- 9 applications in.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Do you want to bring this
- 11 back to the full Board and --
- 12 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: That's
- 13 up to you. We have your direction. If you'd like us
- 14 to --
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: We're all in concurrence,
- 16 I think. We'll keep it on schedule then.
- 17 So with that, is there any other questions? Do I
- 18 hear a motion?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: I move Resolution
- 20 2007-157.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Seconded by Member
- 23 Chesbro.
- Deb, the roll, please.
- 25 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Brown?

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
- 2 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro?
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Aye
- 4 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Aye.
- 6 That goes to consent. Thank you.
- 7 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Next
- 8 to last item I think is Consideration of Grant Awards for
- 9 the Targeted RAC Incentive Grant Program. Elena Yates
- 10 will present that item. This is our monthly or usually
- 11 monthly item on this.
- 12 MS. YATES: Good afternoon, Chairman Petersen and
- 13 Board members.
- 14 Today, I'll present staff's recommendation for
- 15 this month's award for the Targeted RAC Incentive Grant
- 16 Program. Staff received two eligible applications for a
- 17 total of \$311,365.
- 18 The applicants are: The County of Yolo, funding
- 19 recommendation \$200,000; The City of Maywood, funding
- 20 recommendation \$111,365.
- 21 Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed
- 22 award and adopt Resolution 2007-158 Revised.
- This concludes my presentation. Are there any
- 24 questions?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Any questions or comments?

- 1 Do I hear a motion?
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I move it.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Second it.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Deb.
- 5 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Brown?
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
- 7 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro?
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Aye.
- 9 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Aye.
- 11 Last but not least, Howard.
- 12 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON:
- 13 Definitely not least in the hierarchy.
- 14 Consideration of Grant Awards for the Reuse
- 15 Assistance Grants Program, otherwise known as the RAGS
- 16 program. Judy Friedman is going to present that.
- 17 Rachelle Tarver, our staff person, is out today. So Judy
- 18 is kind of stepping in to help out.
- 19 BRANCH MANAGER FRIEDMAN: Good afternoon,
- 20 Chairman Petersen and Board members.
- I do have a PowerPoint presentation, but I know
- 22 the hour has advanced. If you would prefer, I can cut to
- 23 the chase. It's totally up to you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Cut to the chase. That
- 25 would be wonderful.

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- 1 BRANCH MANAGER FRIEDMAN: Obviously, all the
- 2 information is in the agenda item and in the PowerPoint,
- 3 which is going to be posted on BAWDS, if it hasn't
- 4 already.
- 5 And this is Agenda Item 22, as Howard said,
- 6 Consideration of Awards for the Reuse Assistance Grant
- 7 Program, Fiscal Year 2007-2008 offering.
- 8 And briefly, the grant program is designed --
- 9 it's a \$250,000 allocation designed to maximize the
- 10 following four objectives: Develop enhanced reuse
- 11 infrastructure and market at the local level; increase
- 12 reuse activities to reduce waste disposal, establish
- 13 partnership between various entities, and educate
- 14 communities about the benefits of reuse. All of these
- 15 applicants have done that.
- 16 There are a couple options for the Board. Staff
- 17 recommends approving the proposed awards and adopt
- 18 Resolution Number 2007-160 to award full funding to the
- 19 five highest scoring applicants and partial funding to the
- 20 sixth highest scoring applicant. And if additional funds
- 21 become available, to provide additional funding to the
- 22 sixth applicant up to \$16,400 and to direct staff to enter
- 23 into grant agreements with the awarded applicants.
- 24 That concludes my presentation unless you have
- 25 questions.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: No. Thank you, Judy.
- 2 This is great. I really like this.
- 3 Any other questions or comments?
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I'm very pleased since
- 5 I'm always griping about us not doing enough on the
- 6 hierarchy, this is top of the hierarchy. So good news.
- 7 Secondly, just as a question, how many of the
- 8 applicants -- were there more applicants that didn't get
- 9 funded?
- 10 BRANCH MANAGER FRIEDMAN: No. All of the
- 11 eligible applicants were funded at this time. We did
- 12 receive a couple applications where they didn't pass the
- 13 minimum score. And actually two that were not eligible
- 14 and one that didn't pass the minimum score.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: I move it.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Just one comment. Now, I
- 17 understand that is there a possibility of us upping the
- 18 grant award amount available.
- 19 BRANCH MANAGER FRIEDMAN: That would require a
- 20 budget change proposal and request. We've had that
- 21 discussion I know in the Committee and the Board meeting
- 22 before. It's totally at the direction of the Board.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Well, I, for one, would
- 24 like to see maybe we do that so we can get some larger
- 25 programs funded that do make big impacts.

- 1 BRANCH MANAGER FRIEDMAN: This is a \$250,000
- 2 allocation only, and the maximum award is only 50,000 from
- 3 us.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: The problem with all this
- 5 is I can think of one instance on the central coast with
- 6 the RAG recyclers doing all the stuff of the thrift
- 7 stores. I mean, for them to have a \$50,000 grant award
- 8 for this, I mean, I see what he needs to do and he's doing
- 9 doing a yeoman's job in this program. That's not enough
- 10 money. It's a start, but it needs a higher ceiling on
- 11 this thing. I'm just proposing that.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Howard.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Howard.
- 14 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: This
- 15 would be certainly something based on your direction we
- 16 can consider in the BCP cycle as part of the normal
- 17 budgetary deliberations.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Would you, please?
- 19 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR LEVENSON: Sure.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: With that, I don't have
- 21 any other questions.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: The other project would
- 23 be funded during reallocation, the sixth project.
- 24 BRANCH MANAGER FRIEDMAN: It could be as you
- 25 determine. Yeah. We have in the past done that with

128 1 previous grant cycles where we don't have a sufficient 2 funds in the allocation. So that's completely up to your 3 disqualified correction as well. 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Okay. Second it. 5 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Deb. 6 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Brown? COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN: Aye. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Chesbro? 8 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER CHESBRO: Aye. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BALLUCH: Petersen? 10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSEN: Aye. 11 Fiscal consent. 12 13 Any other business? One more. We are done. We 14 are done. Thank you, everybody. Great job. (Thereupon the California Integrated Waste 15 Management Market Development And Sustainability 16 Committee adjourned at 1:07 p.m.) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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